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MP calls on politicians to support aerospace industry

LOCAL MP Marcus Fysh has lobbied fellow politicians in the House of Commons to once again push the case for inward investment in the region's aerospace industry. Mr Fysh, the Conservative MP for Yeovil, led the debate on the UK helicopter industry in Westminster

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last week, discussing with fellow MPs how government departments, businesses and partners could work more closely to protect and boost

the industry in Yeovil, South Somerset and beyond.

The Leader of the House of Commons, David Lidington, said Mr Fysh highlighted "some real opportunities for business to benefit from technology".

He added: "One of the things this country needs to improve is how we turn our inventiveness and technological expertise into commercial, job-creating opportunities."

Mr Lidington said he would look to take the issue forward in a Backbench Business debate.

Mr Fysh said: "I welcomed the Leader of the House's comments and look forward to discussing further how we can make sure that, when major government contracts are awarded to the likes of Boeing, clusters of high-tech companies in Yeovil and the wider South West benefit from that decision."

"I want to ensure we make the most of the great expertise we have in Yeovil and explore all opportunities for long-term economic growth."

Mr Fysh has been in close contact with Leonardo, who he hopes will secure a deal to maintain and support part of Boeing's non-US fleet of 600 Apache helicopters.

Mr Fysh is due to meet Liam Fox, the Secretary of State for International Trade, today to discuss helicopter exports.

Before the debate, the country's largest union, Unite pressed MPs taking part to ask probing ques-

tions concerning the industry.

In November, Unite hit out at the "wholesale betrayal" of the Yeovil GKN workforce, with 221 jobs under threat, when the plant's closure by the end of 2017 was announced.

GKN workers make airframes for Italian-owned Leonardo Helicopters - formerly AgustaWestland which is on the same site - and GKN said that Leonardo has decided to take all future AW159 Wild Cat work 'in house'.

Unite regional officer Heathcliffe Pettifer said: "It is very appropriate in the week when the government's industrial strategy is unveiled that MPs debated the future of the helicopter industry which suffered a severe blow with the GKN announcement in November."

"If ministers are serious about a strong manufacturing base in the UK, they need to give serious attention to British helicopter production which is world class with a highly skilled and motivated workforce."

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating and last year's decision when Leonardo lost out to Boeing, which gained the majority of the work for the latest generation of Apache attack helicopters, does not generate confidence."



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SCHOOLS NEWS

Devon schools' funding is set to be slashed by a third

MORE than a third of Devon's schools will lose out if new national funding figures aren't revised, the county's education chief has warned.

Devon's schools are already funded at £290 less per pupil than the national average and Devon County Council, heads and governors have fought a long campaign for fair funding.

The previous coalition Government announced it would bring in a national funding formula for education and proposals were announced for consultation before Christmas.

But figures released by Devon County Council show that while 212 schools in the county would benefit, another 129 would be even worse off than they are now.

They include 24 secondaries, 103 primaries and two all-through schools.

And pupils would still be

funded at £268 a head less than the national average.

That adds up to £24 million less coming to Devon schools than if they were funded at the national average.

Now Devon's Cabinet member for schools, James McInnes, is campaigning for all of the county's schools to be given fair funding under the new formula.

He said: "Fair Funding was always about schools in Devon getting more money – not having money taken away."

"My view is Devon's under-resourced schools have produced outstanding results for long enough and now deserve to be properly funded so they can give our children an even better education."

"No school in Devon should lose money as a result of these proposals."

"I welcome the fact that the

Government grasped the nettle of fair funding after so many other administrations failed to tackle the issue.

"But it is vital that the Government looks out for our rural areas and does not approve a funding formula devised by civil servants in London who aren't fully aware of the realities of providing a good education for the children of Devon."

Mr McInnes said: "We need to work together with our family of schools in Devon otherwise we risk being picked off one by one."

"This was always supposed to be about fairer funding for under-resourced schools in rural areas."

"We are closer to the prize now than we've been after such a long battle but we must keep up the fight to ensure all our children benefit from this major overhaul of the funding system."

Tributes paid after second man dies following Branscombe collision

A SECOND man has died following the two-car collision on the A3052 at Branscombe on Friday, January 20th.

Andrew Clargo, 54, from Colyton, **pictured**, died in hospital on Wednesday, January 25th. His family has issued a moving tribute, saying he was popular and extremely well-loved.

Mr Clargo's family issued the tribute on Friday, January 27th saying: "Andrew was a popular and extremely well-loved pharmacist in the Exmouth Area."

"He leaves behind his partner Kate, his son Matt, and stepsons Joe and Henry. His loss has devastated his family and they would appreciate for their privacy would be respected at this very difficult time."

Mr Clargo died as a result of a two-car collision which also killed 77-year-old Peter Crossland, who was from Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

Mr Crossland, who was driving a blue Honda Jazz, died at the scene after colliding

with a red Renault Clio on the A3052, close to the Three Horseshoes junction.

The driver of the Clio, Mr Clargo, was airlifted to Derriford Hospital in Plymouth with serious injuries where he later died.

Police collision investigators attended the scene and carried out a forensic investigation.

The police spokesperson said: "If anyone witnessed this incident, please contact police using 101@dc.police.uk or call 101, quoting log 628 of Jan 20th 2017."



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Local police force to recruit 150

DEVON and Cornwall Police will recruit almost 100 officers and 50 criminal investigators thanks to £24m of additional money as part of the Police and Crime Plan (2017-2020).

Chief Constable Shaun Sawyer welcomed the financial boost and said: "This plan, along with the budget proposals for 2017/18, represents a definitive step forward in making the force sustainable and resilient for the 21st century."

"It will enable us to connect with our communities, which is a key issue for the force and our partners, along with modernising our services and aligning our resources to the changing demand in our local, national and international policing landscape."

The Police and Crime Plan comes after a consultation into policing issues, commissioned by Police and Crime Commissioner Alison Hernandez last summer.

She said: "Our consultation clearly showed the public wants better connectivity with, and accessibility to, its police force."

"This plan provides a direction to help communities become safer, more resilient and better connected and makes a Local Policing Promise to ensure that policing is accessible, responsive, informative and supportive."

"Devon and Cornwall Police is already a good force. Through better connection, clear direction and appropriate investment it can be one of the very best in the country."

She explained how the extra money was made available by saying: "By freeing over £10m from reserves, by striving for further efficiencies, by raising money through the policing precept and changing other spending priorities, I have provided the Chief Constable with the funds to be one of the only forces in the country to increase its number of officers."

"It is for the Chief Constable to decide the make-up of his workforce so that he can best deliver the priorities set out in this plan."

"He has now set out his intentions and I will support him in that, but I will expect him to deliver, in particular, the increased connectivity that the people of Devon and Cornwall have said is important to them."

Mr Sawyer said: "Demand on the police is changing. We are still facing threats from organised crime and terrorism and must ensure we maintain and improve our capabilities to deal with this national threat."

"We are also facing the new and emerging threats from international cyber-crime and complex issues such as child sexual exploitation and modern slavery."

"Through the use of the additional budget we will look to employ nearly 100 additional police officers onto the



■ POLICE and Crime Commissioner Alison Hernandez

streets and into local policing, as well as 50 criminal investigators and 30 online record takers. The extra 100 police officers will bring the total number back up to 3,000.

"The frontline has become very stretched over the past years of austerity."

"At the same time demand has increased and the need for specialist capabilities, such as firearms officers and public order trained staff, has grown to meet the national and international threats."

"The redesign of our workforce will require us to move some staff from existing roles, such as PCSOs, to other police staff roles, new staff investigation roles or to join up as police officers depending on their career aspirations and suitability."

GCSE results: Somerset best in South West

SOMERSET'S young people have fared well in Government GCSE rankings, based on results of 5,000 schools across the country.

Department for Education (DfE) statistics show that Somerset's schools demonstrate strong performance in a number of areas.

Somerset scored the highest in the South West (joint with Cornwall) and is in the top third nationally for the 'Progress 8' measure, which measures progress that students make from the end of primary school to the end of secondary school.

The 'Attainment 8' measure, which measures the achievement of students across eight subjects (including English and Maths), showed that Somerset is performing above the national average.

Cllr Frances Nicholson, Somerset County Council's Cabinet Member for Children and Families, congratulated Somerset students on their successes and said: "Your hard work has been rewarded and I wish you every success in the future."

"I would also like to thank all teachers, school leaders and everyone who has supported and encouraged our young people throughout their school careers."

Seaton cabbie stabbed in attempted robbery

A TAXI driver was stabbed in the arm during an attempted robbery in Seaton.

Police were called to Harbour Road at about 9pm on Saturday, January 28th.

A spokesperson said: "Police were called to Harbour Road following an assault and robbery on a taxi driver."

"Police arrested a man at the scene and the victim was taken to hospital with wounds described as non-life threatening."

An ambulance spokesperson said a man was taken to hospital in Exeter with a stab wound in one of his arms.

Peter Hall, aged 40, from Hawkchurch, near Axminster, has been charged with attempted robbery and being in possession of a bladed article and was due to appear before Exeter Magistrates' Court yesterday (January 30th).

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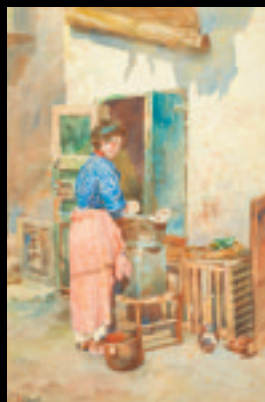
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Proposal to slash Ilminster's council tax fails to win support

A BID to slash Ilminster Town Council's share of the council tax failed, but councillors still voted in favour of making sure that Band D households would not have to fork out anything extra.

Councillors agreed at their monthly meeting that the expenditure budget for 2017-18 would be £320,680.30 and met from a £293,720 precept.

It means that households in the average Band D bracket will have to fork out £145.24 for Ilminster Town Council – the same as in 2016-17 which had been a whopping 20 per cent rise from the 2015-16 figure of £120.83.

The actual precept – the amount of money the council will receive from the overall council tax – has gone up by one per cent because of the number of extra houses which have been built in Ilminster during the past 12 months.

Councillor Stuart Shepherd proposed, but later withdrew, a move to slash the precept to just £267,516 which would have meant a Band D charge of £132.28, equating to an 8.92 per cent (or £12.96) decrease to £132.28.

His suggestion was vigorously supported by Councillors Don Kinder and Matt James, but others thought it would not look good to the public if they saw the council tax precept increase 20 per cent one year and then down nine per cent the next.

"People will be thinking 'what are we doing?' if they see us increase it by 20 per cent one year and then take a huge sway back the other way," said Councillor Roger Swann.

He said he was not in favour of "lurching up and then crashing back down" and would much prefer a more "even keel" approach.

Councillor Julie Fowler added: "We need to be prudent and I don't think we will be doing the peo-

ple of Ilminster justice if we want to provide them things in the coming year."

But Councillor Kinder said that the council had to be "big enough to swallow the bullet" while Councillor James said it would be a "disservice to the people if we just put the precept up because people might think it odd if we brought it down."

Councillors voted 6-3 in favour of increasing the precept by one per cent to £293,720 for 2017-18 with the Band D charge of £145.24 staying the same from 2016-17.

Those who voted for the move were Councillors Roger Swann, Stuart Shepherd, Ian MacKillop, Julie Fowler, Tony Walker and Philip Burton.

Those who voted against were Councillors Andrew Shearman, Don Kinder and Matt James.

Somerset County Council takes the biggest share of the council tax each year with South Somerset District Council, Avon and Somerset Police, the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service, and the Somerset Rivers Authority also receiving some of the pot.

The overall council tax bill for 2016-17 in Ilminster for Band D properties was £1,637.30 as opposed to £1,550 in 2015-16.

It is not yet known what the final overall bill for 2017-18 will be which falls through people's letter boxes in April.

The town council has a three-year strategic plan it will endeavour to achieve between now and 2010.

The projects include new toilets for the Wharf Lane Recreation Ground, developing a dog policy, looking at getting new land for the cemetery, protecting Herne Hill from nearby development, and looking at creating a neighbourhood plan.

Somerset Chamber receives accreditation

SOMERSET Chamber of Commerce has had its accreditation to the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) confirmed for a further two years following a stringent assessment process.

The BCC assessment, which is the Chamber equivalent of an Ofsted inspection, examines the quality and performance of all areas of the business, from member services to governance, operational performance, finance and risk management.

Somerset Chamber has grown significantly since its first accreditation in 2011, with plans in place to support continued growth over the coming years.

Dale Edwards, chief executive of Somerset Chamber, said: "I am delighted that we have received re-accreditation from the BCC, which recognises the consistently high standards of service quality and performance we have achieved."

"With Somerset Chamber being one of only 52 accredited Chambers in the UK, it provides our members with the knowledge and assurance that we are a thriving Chamber with a clear objective to support the growth of our members and the Somerset economy as a whole."

Dr Adam Marshall, director general of BCC, commented: "The strength of the accredited Chamber

of Commerce network rests on our shared commitment to members, to the places where we do business, to helping firms trade, and to giving business a voice locally, nationally and internationally."

"It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Dale and the Somerset Chamber team on their re-accreditation, and on delivering consistently high standards of quality and performance for Chamber members."

Being part of the BCC Accredited Network amplifies the voice of Somerset Chamber, enabling the views of Somerset businesses to be heard at a national level. It also opens up new business opportunities in local, national and international markets and enables Somerset Chamber to provide a high level of business advice, services and financial benefits to its members.

Somerset Chamber of Commerce is one of only five accredited chambers in the South West and 52 in the whole of the UK. It is one of the fastest growing chambers in the BCC network and works closely with the BCC to make sure Somerset businesses stay well connected at both a local and national level, and that the voices of the Somerset business community are heard at all levels of government.

Thieves may have used key to access shop

POLICE believe that those responsible for breaking into a Chard town centre shop may have got in through the front door by using a key.

Dovetails in Fore Street – run by Teresa Welch, Joy Seymour and Theresa Arter – was broken-in at some point between 4pm on Wednesday, January 18th and 9am on Thursday, January 19th.

The Dovetails team has gone onto social media asking for anyone who has information about the break-in and who might be responsible to come to them or the police.

Teresa, writing on social networking Facebook, said: "The police believe they got in using a key. We have no idea how they got hold of it."

"Normally you would not take any notice of anyone using a key to open a door, but if you saw anyone apart from Joy, Theresa or myself going in through the front door – anyone at all – please get in touch."

The thieves got away with around £100 in loose change – especially 5ps, 10ps, 20ps and 50ps.

"If you see anyone dodgy spending a lot of silver – could you please let us know," added Teresa.

Anyone with information can pop into the shop in Fore Street, give them a call on 07581 275658 or send them a "private message" on their Facebook page. Alternatively phone the police on 101.

Children with flu symptoms needed for study

PARENTS of children who have developed flu-like illness, who may be at greater risk of developing further complications from flu, are invited to put them forward to take part in a study at hospitals in Somerset that could change the way we use antibiotics.

For most children, flu is a mild and relatively short illness. However, for those with pre-existing medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes and cerebral palsy, as well as some children who were born prematurely, flu may lead to more serious complications such as pneumonia and ear infections.

The ARCHIE study, funded by the National Institute for Health Research and led by researchers at the University of Oxford, is working with a selection of GP surgeries and hospitals across England to see whether early antibiotic treatment may prevent these children from developing further complications from flu.

Leading this research work at Yeovil Hospital is paediatric registrar Dr Camelia Vaina, while Musgrove Park Hospital at Taunton is also taking part in the study.

"The research department at Yeovil Hospital is extremely active and ARCHIE is just one of the many studies we are currently involved in," she Dr Vaina.

"It's a really exciting study which could have a very positive impact on the way in which we use antibiotics

effectively.

"One of the challenges we face is that nasal spray flu vaccine for children has proven to be very successful, meaning we are very limited on the number of children coming into hospital with flu-like symptoms, which is obviously great news. However, this does mean that we are still very much on the lookout for parents and children who might be interested in joining our study.

"The flu virus seems to particularly predispose children to bacterial infections, which may make children with flu-like illness even more unwell. We therefore want to find out whether targeting antibiotics specifically at children who we already know are more susceptible to bacterial infections can help prevent further complications and speed up recovery times."

Current research has found that children with neurological conditions and diabetes are at greater risk of developing flu-related complications and children born prematurely are more likely to need to be admitted to hospital as a result of flu-like symptoms than those born at full term.

The hope of the study is that, if early antibiotic treatment is found to be effective in these children, this will help guide more accurate targeting of antibiotics in the community, and help minimise the development of antibiotic resistance due to unnecessary antibiotic prescribing.

The researcher teams at Yeovil

Hospital and Taunton's Musgrove Hospital are calling on parents and children interested in taking part in their study to visit within the first five days of their child developing flu-like symptoms.

Children will be tested to see whether they have the influenza virus and given a five-day course of study medication.

Children may also have further optional tests to look at whether using antibiotics in this way may have implications for their effectiveness in treating future infections.

For further details on the study and whether your child may be eligible, call the research team in Yeovil on 01935 384 297 or visit the website www.archiestudy.com



Beavers celebrate Chinese New Year

MEMBERS of the Ilminster Beavers, the youngest members of the Scout Association, were made to feel very hungry on their latest group visit.

The youngsters and their leaders popped along to Chinese takeaway Dragon Palace in East Street, Ilminster, to watch the owner Brooke cook up some scrumptious food.

Helen Lancaster, of Ilminster Scouts, said: "We ordered chow

mien, sweet and sour chicken and prawn crackers.

"After seeing the food being cooked in large woks we wished the staff a Happy New Year.

"Brooke gave all the children chop sticks and fortune cookies. We went back to our hall and tried the delicious food using the chop sticks.

"Thank you to Dragon Palace for having us."

Missing Chard man found safe and well

POLICE confirmed on the morning of Saturday, January 21st that missing man Vasco Macedo had been found "safe and well" in Chard.

Officers were becoming increasingly concerned about vulnerable Vasco, 38, who had been last seen at a relative's house in Chard at about 12.30am on Thursday, January 19th.

There were fears about his welfare as he has learning difficulties and does not speak any English. But thankfully a police message was released on Saturday at just before 8am to say he had been found.

"We're pleased to confirm missing man Vasco Macedo has been found safe and well in Chard," said a police spokesman. "Thank you all those who shared our appeals."

Crew called to chimney fire

FIREFIGHTERS were called out on the afternoon of Sunday, January 22nd following reports of a chimney fire at a property near Chard.

Fire engines from Chard, Honiton and Middlemoor were mobilised at just after 5.30pm to the incident at Marsh on the A303.

There were concerns this could develop into a far more serious incident as the home involved had a thatched roof.

However, firefighters discovered that the thatch was not involved and they quickly got to work to deal with the situation. The cause was believed to be accidental.

Carnival club to hold bingo night

THE Chard-based ZEM Carnival Club will hold a fundraising bingo night next month with lots of great prizes to be won.

The bingo will be held at the Crowshute House in Chard on Saturday, February 25th and all are welcome to attend.

As well as the bingo there will also be refreshments and a mammoth raffle. Doors open at 6.30pm with "eyes down" at 7.15pm. Entry is free.

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Pupils given lesson in traditional craft



LAST week the chapel at Chard School hummed to the sound of the spinning wheel as the Reverend Georgina Vye and her friend Norma paid a visit to demonstrate the timeless art of spinning and carding to pupils.

A spokesperson for the school said: "Although it looked very easy, pupils soon discovered that it is much harder than it looks to spin fleece into yarn, and that keeping the wheel going at the same time made it even trickier!

"The pupils are looking forward to another session with Reverend Vye later on in the term. Who knows? They might be able to produce some thread for the school's sewing club!"



Quizzers raise funds for Cardiac Risk in the Young



THE Chaffcombe community turned out in force as keen quizzers battled it out at the village hall to raise funds for the charity CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young).

The quiz, organised by local resident Hillary Mead, an avid supporter of the life-changing charity, will ensure that local children can take advantage of an upcoming mobile screening programme that is due to visit Tatworth in the near future.

CRY has had a huge impact in

raising awareness of sudden cardiac death in young people and offers support to those diagnosed with potentially life-threatening cardiac conditions as well as bereavement support to families affected by young sudden cardiac death.

In total the quiz raised an impressive £400, and everyone agreed that the supper provided really helped to make the evening.

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Cirrus Vape Shop arrives in Axminster

SATURDAY January 28th marked the arrival of a new shop in Axminster.

Cirrus Vape Shop has moved in to premises in Chard Street previously occupied by the ARC shop, which recently moved next door.

Nick McCance and Carrie Tyers are the two people behind Cirrus Vape Shop, opened a vape shop in Honiton a year ago. Mr McCance explained the expansion by saying: "Travelling customers to the Honiton shop asked if we could open in Axminster."

Nick and Carrie looked into it and decided to go-ahead.

Cirrus Vape use tested liquids and stock that adhere to the latest regulations and warn customers to be aware of cheap imitation products that may potentially cause unnecessary harm.

Nick and Carrie would like to thank everyone for making them feel so welcome and they look forward to helping



the local community give up smoking. We hope the shop will make a good addition to the town and create jobs in the future.

Opening times are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am to 6pm, Saturday 10am to 4.30pm and Sunday 11pm to 4pm. For more information you can ring Nick and Carrie on 01297 598097



■ **COUNCILLOR** Linda Viieh joined Winsham students for a spot of breakfast recently.

Councillor supports school Breakfast Club

SOMERSET county councillor Linda Viješ got off to an early start last week to meet pupils of Winsham School as they tucked into a hearty breakfast of fruit, cereal, toast, crumpets and juice at the re-instated Breakfast Club.

The breakfast club, which is currently run three days a week, is attended by about 10 pupils and staffed by a small band of willing volunteers, at a cost of just £1 per pupil per day.

Linda had been asked to visit by headteacher Sarah Stringer, who is keen to spread the word.

Linda said: "It is well known that a good start to the day can really have an impact on the learning achievements of young children in

many ways, including an increase in their attention span

"Offering the Breakfast Club is a good way to support parents and families. There is also the social aspect. One of the things we have found is that by eating together children improve their social skills and table manners.

"I have previously been able to support initiatives such as this by using my Health & Wellbeing money but as this is no longer available I am trying to help by supporting fundraising activities. I am planning to hold a fundraising quiz in March to get the whole community involved. This is important, as these children are our future."

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Chard Town Council looking for outstanding citizens for award

CHARD Town Council is asking for local residents to nominate people in their community who have made an outstanding contribution to Chard in some way.

Chard's Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 25th in the Guildhall from 7pm. Members of the public are invited to attend and are welcome to ask questions on local matters.

During the meeting, residents of Chard who have contributed to the town in some outstanding way will be awarded with an Outstanding Service Award by the mayor, Councillor Dave Bulmer.

The town clerk, Zoe Truong, said: "The council wants to hear about Chard residents who have unselfishly contributed to their community. These awards are our opportunity to both recognise and thank them for their contribu-

tion to Chard."

The Outstanding Service Awards are all about recognising people within the town for the good work they have done helping others – it could be one single act, or it could be over a number of years. Chard Town Council wants to know more about these unsung heroes that have demonstrated outstanding voluntary service and commitment to others.

If you know of someone who deserves recognition for services to the community, send your nomination in writing to the clerk at the Chard Town Council offices in the Guildhall, giving the person's details and a short paragraph as to why you feel they deserve the nomination.

All nominations must be received no later than end of day on Wednesday March 1st

Arsonists blamed as car destroyed by fire

ARSONISTS are being blamed for an abandoned car being completely destroyed by fire in Chard.

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service were called to reports of a vehicle on fire in Avishayes Road at just after 10pm on Sunday, January 15th.

One fire engine from Chard was mobilised and firefighters quickly got to work to deal with the situation.

But a spokesman said: "The car was completely destroyed by fire – the cause was deliberate "

Twelve crews tackle thatch fire

FIREFIGHTERS from across the region were called out on the morning of Thursday, January 19th to deal with a fire involving the thatched roofs of two homes near Chard.

At least a dozen of fire engines were drafted in to help deal with the situation at Whitehorns in Yarcombe.

The initial call was received by Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service at 11.20am and the fire crew on the scene was from Chard. They found a thatched roof heavily involved in fire and back-up support quickly came from Taunton, Wellington, Honiton, Ottery St Mary, Axminster and Exeter.

A further four fire engines were called out at 12.40pm to bring the number at the scene to 12.

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Iminster Lions Club welcomes new member

ILMINSTER Lions Club president Alan Rudkin congratulated Geoff Geater on his 40 years of dedicated service to the club and welcomed new member Anthony Smeeton at their recent meeting (pictured above).

New members are always welcome at the club. Details of the Lions Club of Iminster and District and how to join can be found on the website www.ilminsterlionsclub.co.uk

Male voice choir to make return visit to Iminster

FOLLOWING the success of their last concert in the town, the Rotary Club of Iminster are pleased to announce a return visit of the Dorset Police Male Voice Choir, who will perform with local soloist Amanda Downing to raise funds for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Service.

The event will be held at The Minster Church, Iminster on Saturday, March 18th at 7.30pm, with doors opening at 7pm.

Tickets are £10 including light refreshments and can be purchased from The Greenhouse in Silver Street, Iminster, or call 01460 55050.



■ ORGANISERS and volunteers who helped with the curry evening in Horton

Curry night raises £285 for church

NEW Year fundraising efforts in support of St Peter's Church in Horton, near Iminster, got off to a good start this month, when 35 local residents sat down to a curry lunch cooked by Annie and Julian Thompson.

With the assistance of their willing helpers a choice of chicken or vegetable curries were on offer, along with the usual accompaniments of dhaal, samosas, poppadoms and naan bread. As a special treat Nankhatai sweetmeats were served with tea and coffee.

Along with a raffle, an impressive total of £285 was raised.

Local councillor Linda Vijeh, who attended the event, said: "As obtaining external funding to support community facilities and activities becomes increasingly tougher, it is great to see the wide range of innovative ways that local people are coming up with to fill the shortfall.

"All of this relies on the time and effort of willing volunteers, along with the rest of us to support their efforts. This is what makes our rural villages so special."

Family thanks community for support after fire destroys home

AN Iminster family has thanked everyone for their support and kindness – 12 months after a fire badly damaged their home and left them with only the clothes they were wearing.

It was around 3pm on Thursday, January 7th last year when three fire engines were sent out following reports of a large amount of smoke coming from the first floor of a terraced property in West Street, Iminster.

The flat was home to Adam and Liz Woodard and their two young sons, Albert and George, and they lost everything.

Thankfully everybody was out at the time – Adam was at work, while Liz and the two boys and their dog Bessie had gone out to the park.

"It was strange because I heard the sirens and didn't think anything of it, and then as we were getting nearer to home it began to sink in what was happening because people were asking if we were alright," said Liz at the time.

The Iminster community – hearing of the family's misfortune – soon rallied around and an appeal was set up asking for donations of clothes, toys and everyday items.

The appeal was inundated with donations and letters of support.

The family was homeless for six months after the fire and, although they are now settled again in Iminster, they still cannot thank people enough for the support they have received over the past year.

Liz, speaking a year on after the fire, said: "The fire turned our lives upside down. We lost everything we owned, our family was separated, and we were homeless for six months.

"We would never have got through it if it weren't for the support, love, and kindness of our families, friends and the community.

"So thank you to each and every one of you."

Offering a warning to others, she added: "Check your smoke alarms!"

Number plates stolen from vehicles

PEOPLE in Iminster are being urged to contact police if they find their vehicle is missing number plates.

Police have reported two different incidents in recent weeks in which both number plates have been stolen from vehicles.

A police spokesman said: "On one occasion a male was arrested in Ply-

mouth for a burglary using one set of these plates on a stolen vehicle.

"If number plates are believed stolen rather than fallen off please do report it."

Anyone with information or wanting to report incidents can call police on 101.



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Children impress with public speaking skills

PUPILS did themselves and their schools proud last Wednesday during the annual Youth Speaks Junior Competition organised by the Rotary Club of Ilminster.

A record eight teams took part in the public speaking competition with entries from Buckland St Mary Primary School, Combe St Nicholas Primary School, Neroche Primary School, two teams apiece from Swanmead Community School and the Levels Academy Trust, and a first-ever entry from Chard School.

The panel of adjudicators was chaired by Charles Clark, of Greenslade Taylor Hunt, and he was assisted by Anna Bowerman, of Ilminster's Warehouse Theatre, and Richard D'Rozario, head of English at Wadham School in Crewkerne.

Mr Clark said it had been a very difficult decision for the judges to come up with a winner as all of the teams had put in a terrific amount of work and

given a superb account of themselves in the competition held at Swanmead School in Ilminster.

"It was an outstanding evening," he said.

"Each year I wonder if this is going to be the year when things slip a little, but definitely not. The pupils should be very proud of themselves as should their schools.

"If any of the children had been suffered from nerves they didn't show it. But, as I'm sure they realise now, actually doing some public speaking is never as bad as thinking about it. These are our orators of the future.

"They provided an excellent choice of subject and gave eight very good speeches from beginning to end which had been well-researched and balanced."

Overall winners were the Neroche Primary School team of Rhianna Wilkinson, Savannah Lamb and Isla Gibson who spoke about the topic of "Are women treated equally to men?"

Runners-up were the Combe St Nicholas Primary School of William Reid, Robert Chapple and Isaac Henley who posed the question "Making a drama out of the curriculum?"

Third placed went to the Swanmead School 2 team of Annie Ashdown, Hattie Luffman and Nancy Pattison who asked "Should we be letting in more Syrian refugees?"

Swanmead's Hattie



■ THE participants in this year's Youth Speaks Junior Competition organised by the Rotary Club of Ilminster
Photos by CHRISTINE JONES

was named as the best girl in the competition for her performance as the main speaker of her team's presentation.

Adjudicator Anna Bowerman, in congratulating Hattie, said: "Theresa May look out!"

Highly commended girl was Evie Roarity of the Levels Academy Trust 1 who discussed the topic of "Should dance become a more prominent part of the curriculum?"

Best boy in the competition was Jack Morgan of the Levels Academy Trust 1 who gave a presentation under the subject of "Can teachers be replaced by computers?"

The highly commended boy was Robert Chapple of Combe St Nicholas Primary School.

The annual competition – held at Swanmead School in Ilminster – has been run for many years

and encourages young people to learn how to argue for issues they care about.

Ilminster Rotary Club would like to thank Swanmead headteacher Mark Walker, staff and governors as well as the competition sponsor, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, for their continued support.

The other competing teams were Buckland St Mary Primary School with Harry Criddle and Eva Vincent who spoke about "What age should children start school in Somerset?"

Chard School of Sophie Pavey, Orlaigh O'Brien and Helena Gladstone who spoke about "Will man live in space during our lifetime?" and Swanmead School 1 of Robert Lock, Keiran Mackay and Connor Swain who asked "Should they be building a third runway at Heathrow?"



■ THE winning team from Neroche Primary School

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Work gets underway on church repairs and improvements

VITAL work has started on the 15th century Grade I listed St George's Church in Hinton St George, near Crewkerne.

The work has been made possible by a £185,000 Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) grant awarded in September last year.

The main aim of the project was to carry out urgent repairs identified during an inspection completed in 2014.

As part of the project, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is taking the opportunity to carry out other works designed to improve the accessibility of the church for a wider range of community uses.

This includes an already completed plan to install a better and more cost-effective

lighting system.

The main conservation works are under way with teams of stonemasons, conservators and carpenters working on the site.

The external work will involve fully scaffolding the tower to enable vital repairs to be carried out, while inside the work is all to do with enabling the church to be used for a wider range of social and community uses.

This involves the removal of pews and their replacement with stacking chairs to create a new circulation space as well as improvements to the access to the historic Poulett Memorial Chapel.

The final element of the project is the provision of better information for visi-

tors and residents alike, the central feature being the installation of a touch-screen information terminal loaded with videos describing various aspects of church and village history.

At an open day on January 24th, PCC project manager David Clements said: "This is a very important project for the church and will enable it to widen its role as an essential element of the fabric of the community of Hinton St George."

"We are looking forward to staging a wider range of events in the church than has hitherto been possible, as well as helping our many visitors to enjoy their visit to the full and conserving the church for future generations."

"We are hugely grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund and to National Lottery players, without whom the project would not have been possible, as well as to the St Andrew's Conservation Trust and the many villagers who have made donations and held fundraising events to ensure that we could provide the necessary counterpart funding."

Nerys Watts, head of HLF South West, said: "For nearly eight centuries there has been a church on this site and for much of that it has been St George's so, as well as being a much-loved local landmark, the church has a wealth of history and heritage to explore and protect."

"Thanks to money raised by National Lottery players we're pleased to support this project and look forward to seeing the benefits for the church and the community."



■ ST George's Church in Hinton St George and, below, Peter Yorke, The Reverend Bob Hicks, Bryony Johnson and Michael Poulson get the work started



■ PUPILS from Hinton St George First School read about the project

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League of Friends make donation for CCTV system



■ **MAKING A POINT:** Ron Bond (centre) hands over a cheque to Dr Mike Osborne. Also in the picture, from left, are league members Veronica Chard, West One practice nurse Pat Osborne, practice manager Ben Osborne, league secretary Teresa Bond and treasurer Tony Foot

A CCTV system to improve the safety of paramedics is to be introduced thanks to a £1,500 donation from the League of Friends of Crewkerne Hospital.

It comes with the introduction of a new ambulance dispatch point in the car park next to West One Surgery, Crewkerne.

There is now somewhere an ambulance can always park and keep all its vital life-saving equipment on board fully-charged and ready to respond to an emergency, as well as getting a hot drink.

Ron Bond, who is chairman of the League of Friends, handed over the cheque to pay for the installation of a CCTV system in and around the surgery.

He said: "The league took the deci-

sion to fund this project because the ambulance crews use the dispatch point out-of-hours when there are very few people about.

"The cameras will offer the paramedics a degree of comfort and protection."

The provision of the ambulance dispatch point at West One Surgery has taken many months of planning and negotiation.

Ron said that he was delighted it has finally happened because paramedics can respond more quickly to an emergency and all that means in terms of saving lives.

"We are proud to play our part in the introduction of a project that is so important to the well-being of the people of Crewkerne and the surrounding area," he added.



■ **AMBITION:** Design and creative arts team leader Mrs Parker welcomes Emily as the new student school photographer

Student appointed Wadham School's official photographer

EMILY Hibberd has been appointed to the new position of student school photographer at Wadham School in Crewkerne.

The selection process included a formal application and interview by headteacher Mr Derbyshire and design and creative arts team leader Mrs Parker.

Emily's portfolio, with an emphasis on portrait photograph, impressed her teachers and her passion for capturing a visual record of school activities shone through.

Emily has aspirations to become a professional photographer having been inspired by family and friends

and said: "I really like taking pictures of people and capturing emotions."

"I'd like to be a portrait and wedding photographer when I leave school."

Bethan Hill and Frank Agar were chosen as assistant school photographers and the new initiative will help to provide quality images for the school website, the newsletter Wadham Words, posters and press releases.

Upcoming photography assignments will include Rotary competitions on campus, performing arts productions, sports day, the awards evening and much more.

Horticultural society set to host 10th potato day

CLAPTON, Drimpton, Wayford & District Horticultural Society's 10th annual potato day is set to be held on Saturday, February 4th from 10.30am to 2.30pm at Drimpton Village Hall.

A society spokesperson said: "Potato day is a major event in our calendar. Pennards Plants will bring a large selection of potatoes as well as many other edible vegetables."

"This year Dorset Wildlife Trust will be joining us and we hope that they will be able to advise us on how to make our gardens attractive to wildlife."

"Jenny Beck, a local artist, is organising potato printing for children and, as always, excellent local cakes and food will be on sale."

"The event provides an opportunity for veteran gardeners and novices to meet, share experiences and obtain expert advice."

"It's normally a fun day with people travelling from local towns to enjoy the event."

All welcome at film screening

'SARAH'S Key' will be Clapton & Wayford Film Society's next offering.

The film will be screened on Thursday, February 2nd in Clapton & Wayford Village Hall, with doors opening at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Pre-booked guest tickets are £4.

For more information, or to pre-book, email mickpwilson53@btinternet.com or phone Mick Wilson on 01460 74849 or Di Crawley on 01460 30508.

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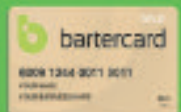
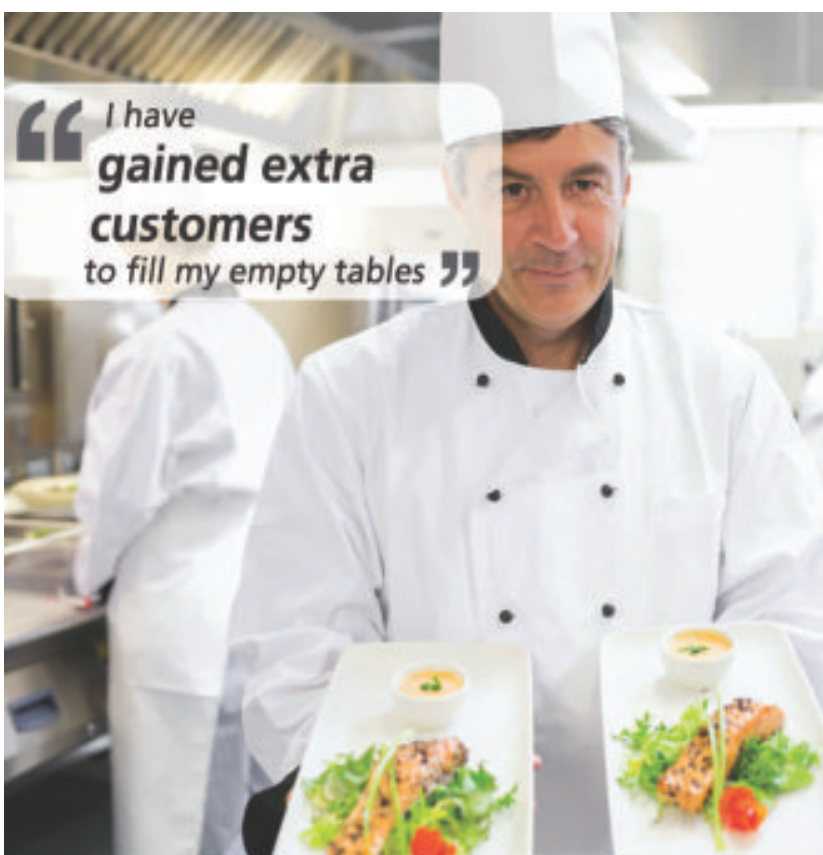
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■ **LOYALTY:** Gifts were presented to long-standing staff members, from left, Nicola Bush, Pat Coates, Angela Kennedy, Colin Burdett, Dee Fazio, Judith Phillips and Peta Melling

Solicitors staff recognised for long service at lunch event

SOLICITORS Milford & Dormor have celebrated the loyalty and long service of some of their partners and staff.

Long-standing members received awards at the company's Christmas lunch, held at The Lordleaze Hotel in Chard.

The company has offices in Chard, Axminster, Seaton, Ilminster and Hemyock, and senior partner William Bennett, who has been

with the firm for more than 40 years, commented: "Whilst we continue to grow as a firm it remains integral to our success that we identify and celebrate the achievements of these dedicated individuals."

"Their experience and knowledge has proven to be invaluable over the years and we believe this is something that our clients value greatly."



■ **IN HIGH SPIRITS:** Staff enjoyed a festive lunch at the Lordleaze Hotel in Chard

Christmas collection raises £1,900

THE Rotary Club of Crewkerne District's Christmas float collections in December raised a grand total of £1,900.63 for local charities.

The club took the sleigh-shaped float, built by Yeovil College, around Crewkerne and Misterton for six nights in December, bringing Father Christmas to the front doors of families.

Rotary Club of Crewkerne District president, Caroline Dredge, said: "I would like to thank our members and friends for their tremendous efforts painting, lighting, sorting sound, driving, knocking doors, collecting, waving, dancing, counting, publicising and Facebooking to make this year's Santa float collection the most suc-

cessful one ever.

"Special thanks also to Santa for finding time in his busy diary. Most of all, a massive thank you to the people of Crewkerne and Misterton for their generosity."

"What a start for our smart new float!"

The club welcomes new people from all walks of life, people whose sense of responsibility inspires them to give back to their communities.

If you would like to get involved with the club, simply get in touch and arrange to meet by calling Caroline on 07411 226300 or emailing membership@crewkernedistrictrotary.org.uk

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Local U3A members discuss future of national organisation



DELEGATES from six branches of the University of the Third Age (U3A) from South Somerset attended a meeting at Castle Cary to have their say on how the organisation should be run in future.

Pam Jones, who is the chairman of the Third Age Trust, attended the meeting together with Michaela Moody, vice-chairman.

They are touring the UK so that they can hear the views of members of many of the 1,000 U3A branches throughout the UK on the future governance of the Third Age Trust that runs the organisation.

The meeting at Castle Cary was the turn of U3As at Crewkerne & District, Chard & Ilminster, Camelot, Street & Glastonbury, Yeovil and Somerton that make up the Avalon network.

Also attending the meeting were Val Warren, who is the Avalon network representative to the South West region, and Diana Holdsworth, the South West region trustee.

Ideas that were put forward by the two national bosses, who were introduced by Val, included creating an advisory or consultative forum, changes to the way that people are elected to the National

Executive Committee, changes to the representation of the regions on the NEC according to the size of their memberships, and either increasing or decreasing the size of the NEC.

The consultation process will last until Easter this year, with a report being made to the NEC in May.

Michaela Moody told the meeting: "Some members have told us that they want a change to the structure of the governance of the Third Age Trust, and initial ideas and outline proposals have been put forward."

Val Warren said afterwards that she was delighted that such a lot of people attended the meeting. "With 1,000 U3As now in existence, it is a big job to manage and support each individual group," she continued.

"Question time was very busy, with delegates making suggestions as well as expressing concerns about the possible implications of any changes.

"A number of ideas submitted by our delegates will go forward for consideration by the working party."

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FAST becoming one of the most popular places to eat out in the local area the Windwhistle is a cosy country pub offering locally sourced, all homemade food. With its friendly and relaxed approach everyone is made to feel welcome at the Windy. A recent re-decoration of parts of the pub has transformed the space whilst still keeping the traditional charm of the old part of the building.

Food is freshly prepared in our kitchen daily and with a Build Your Own Burger section and modern pub classics featuring on the menu, plus an ever changing specials board, the Windwhistle offers something for every person's pallet. Dietary requirements are easily catered for with many vegetarian and gluten free options available as standard.

Our Valentines menu offers some mouth-watering main courses and decadent puddings and will run alongside our normal full menu from Friday 11th February until Saturday 18th February so plenty of chance to take advantage of it.

A perfect spot for a romantic evening or meal with family and friends, the Windwhistle caters for all ages and tastes. But don't take our word for it - come and see for yourself!



Haselbury Mill

HASELBURY MILL is often described as "Probably the most beautiful setting in the South West of England" The original buildings date back many centuries and are of great local interest with a history stretching back to the times of William the Conqueror and are reportedly mentioned in the Domesday Book. Haselbury Mill is truly the ultimate somerset venue to commemorate and celebrate the special days in your life.

The three magnificent listed buildings & newly built Tithe Barn provide the focus of this superb conference, restaurant, hotel & wedding facility. The Georgian Mill owner's house & adjacent cottages have been transformed into a luxuriously appointed 21-bedroom hotel all with high-speed Wi-Fi Internet connection. All rooms are en-suite and are exquisitely appointed to add that little touch of luxury to the beautiful surroundings.

The original Mill buildings have been sympathetically converted to a stylish restaurant and underneath can be found a traditional local's bar with flag stone floors and oak-paneled walls. The four-storey Granary building nearby encompasses a lakeside bar and restaurant and further function and conference rooms.

Treat your loved one to a 7 course Valentines meal at Somerset's iconic Haselbury Mill. Whether

you are celebrating the first Valentines together or your 50th, our set menu will make sure it's an evening to remember. Booking is essential and costs £34.95 per person.



The Windwhistle Inn

Cricket St Thomas, TA20 4DQ 01460 30229 www.windwhistleinn.co.uk
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Spicy Goan Fish Curry w/ Jasmine Rice **£13.50**

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## HASELBURY MILL

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7 course dinner

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**Vegetarian Option Available**



It's all happening on Sunday lunchtimes at Haselbury Mill. In addition to our hugely successful carvery (which has gone from strength to strength in the last 18 years), we now offer an exciting a la carte menu in the newly refurbished Lakeside Restaurant.



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# Valentine's Day

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## Did you know ...



THE saint we celebrate on Valentine's Day is known officially as St. Valentine of Rome in order to differentiate him from the dozen or so other Valentines on the list. Because Valentinus -from the Latin word for worthy, strong or powerful - was a popular name between the second and eighth centuries AD, several martyrs over the centuries have carried this name. The official Roman Catholic roster of saints shows about a dozen who were named Valentine or some variation thereof.

VALENTINE is the patron saint of beekeepers and epilepsy, among many other things. Saints are certainly expected to keep busy in the afterlife. Their holy duties include interceding in earthly affairs and entertaining petitions from living souls. In this respect, St Valentine has wide-ranging spiritual responsibilities. People call on him to watch over the lives of lovers, of course, but also for interventions regarding beekeeping and epilepsy, as well as the plague, fainting and travelling. As you

might expect, he's also the patron saint of engaged couples and happy marriages.

YOU can find Valentine's skull in Rome. The flower-adorned skull of St Valentine is on display in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome. In the early 1800s, the excavation of a catacomb near Rome yielded skeletal remains and other relics now associated with St Valentine.

THE medieval English poet Geoffrey Chaucer often took liberties with history, placing his poetic characters into fictitious historical contexts that he represented as real. No record exists of romantic celebrations on Valentine's Day prior to a poem Chaucer wrote around 1375. In his work "Parliament of Fowles," he links a tradition of courtly love with the celebration of St. Valentine's Feast Day.



## Chocolat et présent

CHOCOLAT ET PRÉSENT is a definite must to visit when in Colyton. You will be impressed with the selection and choice of products for sale.

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chocolates and a dietary range adorn the shelves.

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Open Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm and Saturday 9am – 1pm. Credit/Debit cards accepted.

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## chocolat et présent

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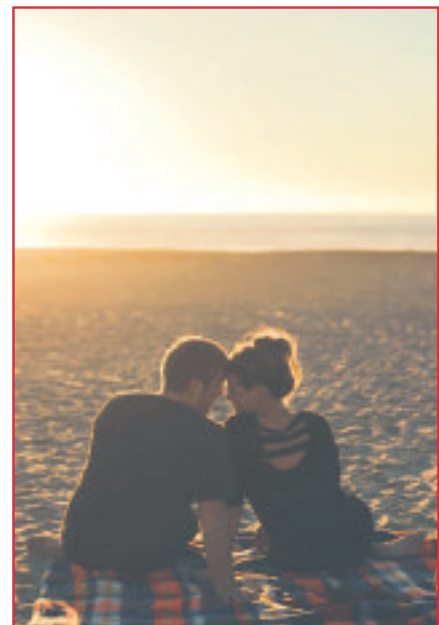
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## The New Inn Kilminster

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- Vegetable Balti
- Mushroom Risotto
- To Finish...
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- Strawberry Eton Mess
- Trio Of Sorbet
- Crepe Suzette
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If possible, go on a date with your spouse to a restaurant that you enjoyed when you first met.

On individual note cards, write why you love your spouse. Insert these cards in a small photo album. You could begin your album with a honeymoon picture and introductory note card, and end it with a love note.

Take your partner on a scavenger hunt. Ask him/her to answer riddles to find the clues to items that you placed somewhere around town. The last item should give instructions that lead to your Valentine's Day activities.

Hide little heart sweets in your spouse's coat, car, etc.

If you are separated across the miles, send a parcel filled with things that your partner loves.

Surprise your spouse by asking for a day off from work and enjoy Valentine's Day at home. Have a relaxing morning together. Then go to a favorite restaurant for lunch.

Show your partner how much you appreciate them by staying in and cooking their favourite meal.

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Feeling the Winter Blues? Are you tired

and run down, or feeling sad and feel unable to work/function properly? Is everything getting just too much?

We know that the winter is a difficult time for many. Many consider us lucky to live here in the West Country; it is without doubt, a wonderful place to be when the sun shines. The great beauty, and amazing countryside, is a joy, but the long winter months, cold and continuous wind, along

with heavy rain and a few wet miserable summers have made things harder for many, feelings of tiredness and lethargy with no energy, leave some with very little to feel good about.

If this is you, you may be suffering from Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). If we add this to the busy pace of modern life, we can find ourselves on the spiraling scale of stress anxiety and even depression.

Awaking in the early morning to a cold house. Perhaps you didn't sleep too well, because of worries and stress?

Looking out of the window you see yet another grey wet and windy day that makes you want to retreat back under the duvet.

SAD, is a condition that affects many people who otherwise have a normal cheery disposition and who start to feel low seemingly for no apparent reason, experiencing lethargy and depressive symptoms as the days grows shorter and darker.

These symptoms are usually temporary, and for many people, often clear up as the seasons change, however if stress continues it can become the onset of more longer lasting anxiety and low mood shift.

Our internal 'body clock' is regulated by the amount of light hitting the retina. The short, dark winter days appear to trigger a reduction of serotonin, (thought to regulate happiness, well-being, mood etc.) and increase levels of melatonin (typically only released at night to facilitate sleep).

There are many different treatments for SAD:

The symptoms can include:

- Depression, anxiety and/or low mood
- Sleep problems: difficulty getting up, feeling constantly tired, needing an daytime nap
- Increased appetite: Overeating, cravings for carbohydrate rich or high fat foods
- Feeling anti-social or emotionally dis-

connected

- Finding it difficult to cope with daily tasks, struggling to concentrate
- Diminished libido and relationship difficulties

If you identify with any of the above, this may all sound like doom and gloom, but there is a very good solution which can yield fast sustainable results and that can help permanently overturn SAD and it is the use of Hypnotherapy.

In addition to using hypnotherapy there are also plenty of other things you should do too, to help yourself further.

I recommend hypnotherapy be used as a natural complement to self-help because through the use of the intervention of hypnosis it allows you to make permanent and positive changes at a subconscious level which is where many of our problems lay that affect our unconscious behaviours.

#### What you can do to help yourself

Expose yourself to sunlight to boost serotonin. Get outdoors or use a lamp especially developed for SAD therapy.

Take regular exercise. Physical activity helps to lift a low mood; 30 minutes of walking, jogging or cycling have been shown to raise serotonin levels. Eat a balanced diet.

#### Why choose hypnotherapy for the treatment of S.A.D?

Hypnotherapy is a powerful way to resolve negative emotions like fear, guilt and anger. The fewer emotional barriers there are in our lives the less emotional stress.

Using hypnosis can help successfully manage stress and negative thought patterns, identifying and exploring/resolving emotional or psychological blocks that may be triggered by SAD and other anxiety or depressive states.

Through the use of hypnosis negative self-talk, limiting beliefs & worrisome thinking may be dramatically reduced, restoring a sense of calm, confidence &

self-esteem whilst bringing in new feelings of positivity, motivation and general confidence.

This in turn will help bring in a more naturally relaxed state that will lead to better sleep patterns.

If you have never been hypnotised before, rest assured it is a natural phenomena, everyone drifts into a different focus of attention, it is worth knowing that most people find the whole experience pleasant and relaxing. It's very much like guided daydreaming. Hypnosis has no unpleasant side effects; in fact it can leave you feeling like you have more energy. Just remember that no one can make you do anything you don't want to do.

Michelle works with the treatment of many clinical & emotional problems, and has helped clients successfully deal with stress and anxiety, fears, phobias and panic attacks etc.

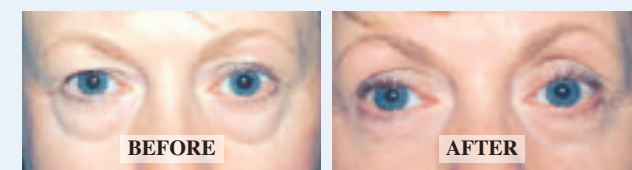


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My chiropody clinics are available to anybody seeking help with their feet and Townsend House and I look forward to welcoming you.

Bookings can be made by calling 01297 22956.



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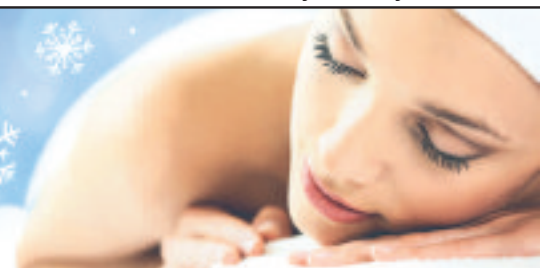
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## The Foot Friendly Clinic

THE Foot Friendly Clinic is based in Miltons Yard, a small shopping area behind the Barclays bank in West Street, Axminster. Mary McPadden worked as a registered nurse (RGN) in the NHS for many years, before training as a Chiropodist/Podiatrist. Mary is registered with The Health and Care Professions Council (the government body which regulates health care professionals in the UK) and has been practising in the local area since 2001.

Mary specializes in the management and treatment of foot disorders and offers simple orthotics at reasonable prices as well as a range of footcare products. The aim of The Foot Friendly Clinic is to make clients comfortable and at ease whilst finding efficient solutions to their problems. Mary also visits care homes and works in the local community. If you would like to make an appointment please call into Unit 3 at Miltons Yard or phone 01297 625515 or 07946213310. The clinic is very accessible for customers with mobility problems.



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Free Food February is being held in all 16,000 Slimming World groups up and down the UK from January 29th to February 25th, and aims to show how the organisation's members lose weight without hunger and often discover (or rediscover) a love of cooking. It coincides with the publication of Slimming World's latest recipe book Free and Easy\*.

Members of the groups, created a delicious feast for the event. The slimmers each brought along a dish made entirely from 'Free Foods', which include fruit and veg, pasta, rice, potatoes, lean meat, fish, eggs and more, showing that Slimming World members never need to suffer the hunger pangs that usually see people

throwing in the towel on other weight-loss plans.

Now the slimmers have challenged one another to share their new love of healthy food with the local community, including cooking for their families, hosting dinner parties for their friends and making nibbles for their colleagues. They'll also use #FreeFoodFeb when sharing their delicious dishes on social media.

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@ 3.30pm, 5.30pm & 7.30pm  
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**Bodywork:** What is Bodywork and how can it help you? - Explore this fascinating subject and develop an exciting new relationship with your body and your inner self. You could start by investigating the range of bodywork classes available at Axminster Health & Wellbeing Centre. Some classes such as qigong are on a 'pay as you go' and 'drop in' basis; others need to be booked before the series of classes start. Our website shows days and times of all bodywork courses and classes www.axminsterwellbeing.com and our bodywork teachers are always happy to answer your questions.

**Book now for the next Mindfulness Course:** Mindfulness for Health and Wellbeing is an 8 week Course for stress management and personal growth. It starts on Thursday 23rd February 2017 and there is a 'taster' on 18th February 2017. Find out more about what is involved and make sure it's right for you. Contact Kath Woods: 01404 831605 or email: kath.woods2012@gmail.com

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**Community Projects:** Are you a new mum? - The Centre will be running a unique 'Me Time for New Mums' 4 week course starting in April. It's all about personal styling blended with Mindfulness. Curious? Call 01297 32331 to book or to find out more. Course dates are: 20th April, 27th April, 4th May and 11th May from 7pm - 9pm. Course fee is by donation.

Axminster Food Bank would like to thank the community for your continued donations. If you are in need of the Food Bank service it is important that you bring your referral letter with you or ensure that your referrer has contacted the Food Bank in advance. Referrals are accepted from the following: Education Support Workers, Head Teachers, the Job Club, Health Care Workers, Citizens Advice, East Devon District Council and Ministers.

Wishing Well social group is for people affected by cancer.

## Wishing Well

New Talks, Thursdays 2:30pm

Axminster Health & Wellbeing Centre

16th Feb - Citizens advice

2nd March - Duncan's Unctions

www.axminsterwellbeing.com

The group meets on a Thursday from 2:30pm - 4:30pm. New members are very welcome as are new speakers and workshop leaders. Forthcoming talks, which are open to all:

16th Feb - Citizens Advice, 2nd March - Duncan's Unctions, 16th March - Mindfulness Taster and 23rd March - Prostate cancer awareness

If you have a skill or interest you would like to share please do get in touch. The group have enjoyed art and craft workshops, story writing workshops and painting and are interested to try new activities. Please call 01297 32331 and ask to speak with the Centre Manager. www.axminsterwellbeing.com

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# Health & Wellbeing

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## Clean Eating Alice's 5 Top Tips for Embracing Healthy Living in 2017

by Harriet Pavey, Press Association

CLEAN Eating Alice (real name Alice Liveing) is the self-transformed health blogger determined to dispel the 'diet myths' that drag us down.

She's taken Instagram by storm with her accessible take on healthy living, amassing nearly half a million followers in just a few short years.

At just 23, she's graced the cover of Women's Health magazine (her "lifelong ambition"), authored food and fitness guide *The Body Bible* - which went straight to the top of the bestsellers charts in early 2016, and has just published her second book, *Eat Well Every Day*.

The hotly-anticipated follow-up tackles the space where healthy eating is hardest: the kitchen. "I always feel like food is most people's issue," says Alice. "A lot of people know how to train, but diet is where they slip up."

There might be plenty of abs, avocados (naturally), inspirational messages and 'before and after' photos on her Insta feed, but Alice's approach stands out, and radiates inclusivity. This is probably because Alice used to be just like us...

Though never really overweight, she ate pretty



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badly and yo-yo dieted after leaving home for university, leaving her "uncomfortable in my own skin". "I was the antithesis of what I am now," she says.

After deciding to overhaul her habits, little did she imagine she'd end up an Instagram fitspo star - but that's exactly what happened, and Alice is determined to help others achieve the same.

Here are her top five tips...

**FORGET FAD DIETS:** Alice now admits this is a big part of where she was going wrong in the past. "It wasn't that I didn't want to be healthy, but I really struggled with actually knowing what to do to achieve that. I bought into every diet myth going," she says. "The most important thing I ever did was switch off from that stuff. I focused on building a good relationship with food and creating a sustainable change in my diet."

**START THE DAY RIGHT:** Spring into the New Year nutritiously: "Start by switching up your breakfast. I think it's a place that many of us fall down on, but if you start the day well, you'll have better intentions to continue the day well, rather than starting the day with a rubbish breakfast and then craving something sugary, or not having it at all."

**TRY SOMETHING NEW:** Finding the motivation to exercise in the winter months is challenging, but it's all about making new habits: "It's difficult; obviously it's cold, wet, and miserable. Find an exercise that you're going to stick to. If you do hate the cold and you're a runner, find something indoors that you enjoy doing. If you train a certain way in the summer and enjoy it, but lack motivation when winter comes around, finding something new that will reignite your passion to get up and get active. Partnering up can be a way of maintaining motivation. Find a training buddy, so it's not just you on your own."

**BALANCE - DON'T DETOX:** As a champion of #StrongNotSkinny, Alice is not a fan of detoxes: "They're unsustainable and potentially dangerous. They don't allow you to create any sort of knowledge of how to eat well. They just tell you what to do for a short period of time, then after that what do you do?" Instead, she advises keeping certain essentials in your

kitchen, so you always have ingredients to whip up a quick, fresh, meal: "Some sort of greens, like broccoli, cauliflower, or leaves, and fish like salmon and cod, as well as beans, pulses, lentils, and quinoa."

**BE KIND TO YOURSELF:** Rest is just as important as hard work, Alice says: "I train about four or five times a week. Not every day. I'm a huge advocate of rest. I need to incorporate rest into my week so that I can rest my body, let it recover, and just have some mental headspace as well. Sofa days are just as important as active days. Stress levels are for me an important thing I need to keep a check on, as raised stress can be detrimental to achieving your goals." Occasional treats are fine too: "I have treats every now and then. I don't want people to think I live this saintly life, where I just eat good food! It's important to eat a balanced diet, and to have things you really enjoy, like chocolate."

• Clean Eating Alice: *Eat Well Every Day* by Alice Liveing is published by Harper Thorsons, priced £14.99 - Available now.

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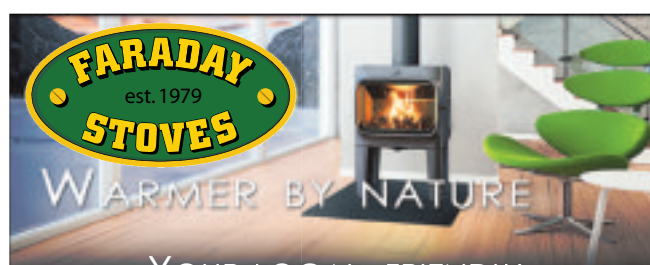
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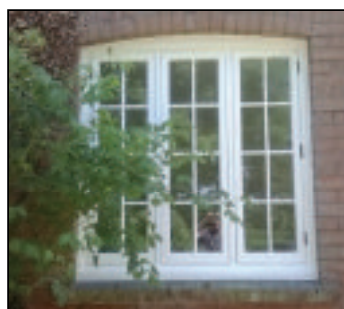
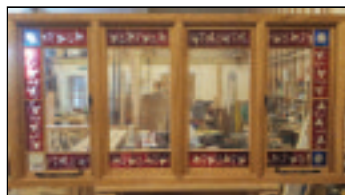
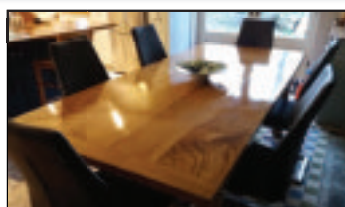
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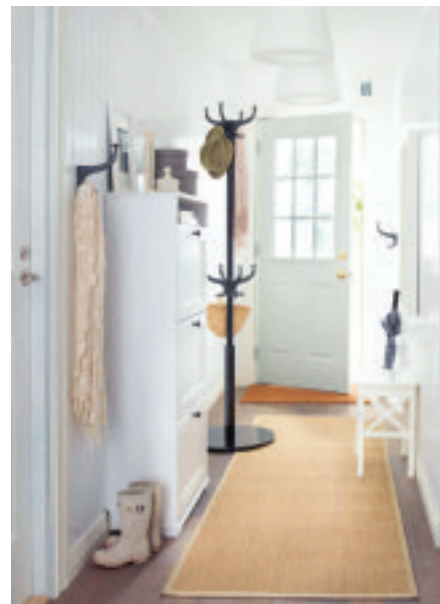
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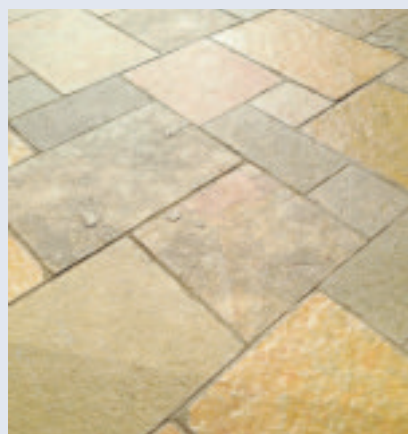
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## SENSATIONAL SNOWDROPS

by Hannah Stephenson, Press Association

IT'S snowdrop season, when garden organisations nationwide open their gates to the public to enjoy these little white beauties in all their glory.

More than 80 gardens will open their gates for the National Gardens Scheme snowdrop festival during February, some growing as many as 300 different varieties, others mixing the displays with hellebores and early spring flowers ([www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)).

Meanwhile, the National Trust also has a raft of gardens at which you can see snowdrops in all their glory, some of which feature snowdrop weekends, festivals and other attractions ([www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)).

Here are just a few of the places you can go to see snowdrops at their finest:

#### • Newham Park, Gloucestershire

Visitors can enjoy the park's Spectacular Snowdrop Weekend on February 4 and 5, when snowdrop drifts mingle with aconites and cyclamen to give an impressive show ([www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newark-park](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newark-park)).

#### • Austwick Hall, North Yorkshire

Set in the dramatic limestone scenery of the Dales, this garden on a steep hillside offers extensive drifts of common single and double snowdrops, while sculptures along the trail add interest. As part of the National Gardens Scheme, in which owners open their gardens to raise money for nursing and caring charities, Austwick will open on Wednesday, February 22. Further open days are on February 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27 ([www.austwick-hall.co.uk](http://www.austwick-hall.co.uk)).

#### • Dunham Massey, Cheshire

The seven-acre winter garden at Dunham Massey is the largest of its kind in the UK. Since it opened in 2009, more than 200,000 double and single snowdrops have been planted, which now create a shimmering white carpet from late December to early February. Keep an eye out for other early spring flowers while you're there, including striking blue winter irises and bright daffodils ([www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunham-massey](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dunham-massey)).

#### • Altamont Gardens, Co. Carlow

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more than 40 acres. The estate gains much of its character from the many mature trees and woodland areas. The snowdrop collection, widely recognised as the second largest in Ireland, was started by Corona North, former owner of the gardens, around 30 years ago and now has more than 100 named varieties ([www.carlowtourism.com/altamont-gardens](http://www.carlowtourism.com/altamont-gardens)).

#### • Saltram, Devon

Standing high above the River Plym with magnificent views across the estuary, Saltram's 500 acres of rolling parkland and woodland provide the perfect setting for a stunning snowdrop display. As the snowdrops frame the pathways, take a stroll and explore the tranquil garden, 18th century orangery and magnificent lime avenue. Bring the whole family back in February to plant your own snowdrops with the garden team ([www.nationaltrust.org.uk/saltram](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/saltram)).

#### • Castle Kennedy Gardens, Stranraer

Enjoy the beautiful swathes of snowdrops and spring bulbs on the woodland walks and lochside drives during the Snowdrop Festival every weekend from February 4 to March 26 at Castle Kennedy Gardens. Created in the 16th century and extensively landscaped with terraces, mounds and avenues, the gardens now encompass more than 75 acres and house spectacular collections of rhododendrons and champion trees ([castlekennedygardens.com](http://castlekennedygardens.com)).

#### • Dudmaston Estate, Shropshire

This beautiful 17th century house with wooded parkland and sweeping gardens will be holding snowdrop weekends on February 18-19 and 25-26. Enjoy a family walk through the Dingle where the snowdrops will be in full bloom ([www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dudmaston](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dudmaston)).

#### • Wallington, Northumberland

For the past two years, visiting families have planted more than 200,000 snowdrops at Wallington, and a further 100,000 will be planted this February half-term. As well as the common variety, Wallington's snowdrop display includes a few specials. The less common varieties include the Northumbrian 'Sandersii' group which has sulphur-yellow markings instead of green, and the pretty 'Flore Pleno' with double the number of petals. Open from February 13 ([www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wallington](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wallington)).

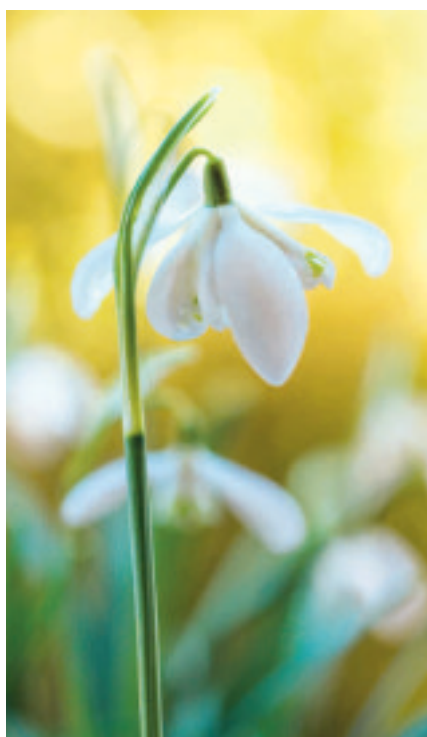
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IF you want to naturalise your own collection of snowdrops, you'll have to plant an awful lot to achieve the effect quickly. They are so small - planting 100 has little effect - so the best course of action is to plant as many as you can each year, so your snowdrop colony gradually spreads.

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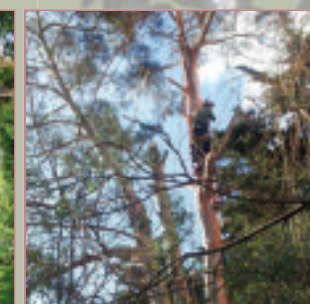
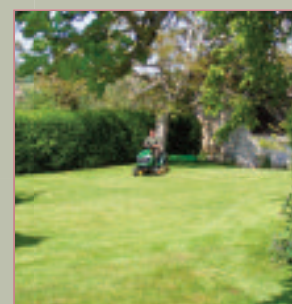
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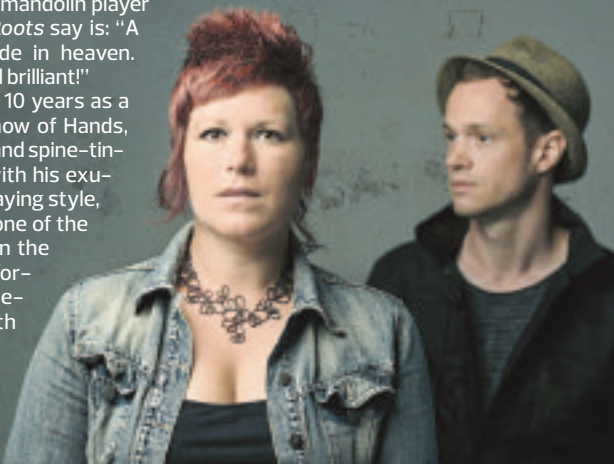
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day, February 24th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12 available online at the website [www.beehivehoniton.co.uk](http://www.beehivehoniton.co.uk) or by calling 01404 384050.



## Fliss Gorst Band set to swing in Seaton

LONDON-BASED saxophonist Fliss Gorst - originally from Axminster - will be returning to the area to perform with her band at Seaton Gateway this February.

The Fliss Gorst Band (formerly Jivestar) perform authentic swing, 50s rock 'n' roll, jumping jive and new takes on old classics.

The band are led by saxophonist Fliss, and consist of a stellar line up of some of London's finest musicians including highly acclaimed vocalists Kai Hoffman, Shane Hampsheir and Lauren Bush.

Experienced performers, the band have performed on the main stage at Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club, Pizza Express Jazz Club, and regularly at The Spice Of Life Soho. They've also held a residency at Poppies Fish and Chips Camden since 2013.

The Fliss Gorst Band play at Seaton Gateway on Saturday, February 25th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £13 in advance, or £16 on the door, available online at [www.seatongateway.co.uk](http://www.seatongateway.co.uk) or by calling 01297 625699.



Fliss Gorst

## The Pied Piper plays his tune all the way to Seaton Gateway

THIS YEAR at The Gateway, Seaton Town Hall the Pantomime 'The Pied Piper' is being staged from Thursday 9th to Sunday, February 12th. The four performances start at different times, 7pm for the Thursday and Friday, a 3pm Matinee on the Saturday and an early evening 6pm start on the Sunday.

Expect lots of hilarity as the story unfolds from the very funny script by Alan Frayn, bought to life by the cast of fifty (including twenty children). Dame Helga Trumper (played by the irrepressible Ian Waite) has a Pig Farm and a Sausage Stuffery which lends itself to produce some wonderful comic moments and the customary Panto innuendos. The Pied Piper is a tale of good overcoming evil and is a very happy show with foot tapping songs throughout. If you have ever seen a Seaton Panto you know the quality you can expect and this year will not disappoint... oh no it won't!

Tickets are already going well so don't delay telephone: 01297 625699 to book your tickets now.



The cast of The Pied Piper in rehearsal



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**Seaton Gateway Panto**

# THE PIED PIPER

**FEBRUARY 2017**

**Thursday 9th Feb**  
- 7pm

**Friday 10th Feb**  
- 7pm

**SATURDAY MATINEE**  
**Saturday 11th Feb**  
- 3pm

**EARLY EVENING**  
**Sunday 12th Feb**  
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# Diary Dates

## TUESDAY JANUARY 31st

**CREWKERNE:** Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre – Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

**CREWKERNE:** Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

**CREWKERNE:** Henhayes Knitters at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 – 4pm

**COLYFORD:** Cash Bingo at Colyford Hall, 7.45pm in aid of Seaton Friends Hospital @ Home. Ample parking. Please come and support this very worthy cause.

## WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1st

**SEATON:** Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8–10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit [www.jurassicfolkandjam.com](http://www.jurassicfolkandjam.com)

**SEATON:** Seaton and District Probus Club. Talk by David Buldock: RHS Gardens at Wisley and Rosemoor. 10 am at Seaton Methodist Church small hall. The club is open to retired or semi-retired men over 55. New members/prospective members welcome – come and give us a try. Please contact Stephen Lord on 01297 21872 for more information.

**KILMINGTON:** Film: "Bridget Jones's Baby" (15) – Colin Firth, Renee Zellweger, Patrick Dempsey. Movie screening at the village hall (Whitford Rd), doors and bar (wine and soft drinks) open at 6.45pm Film start 7.15pm. For more details or advance booking contact: 01297 32335. Tickets £5 if purchased in advance or £5.50 at the door.

**AXMINSTER:** The Magic Lantern Show: Lanternist Humphrey Hamlin will tell us the history of this forerunner of the modern slide projector, used for hundreds of years to educate, entertain and mystify audiences. Axminster Historical Society, 7.30pm The Bradshaw Meeting Room, Axminster Heritage Centre, Silver Street, Axminster, EX13 5AH All welcome!

**COLYTON:** Colyton, Colyford & District Memory Café St John Hall, King Street 2pm to 4pm

**SEATON:** Yoga with a chair. 1.30–2.30pm at the Gateway, Fore Street. Yoga for every body, cost £5. For more details call 0297 20326 or email [waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk](mailto:waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk)

**COLYFORD:** Women's Institute, 2pm in the Memorial Hall. Speaker will be talking about the City of Exeter. More information from Elizabeth on 01297 624250.

**CREWKERNE:** Bingo at Henhayes Centre – £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games – "eyes down" at 2.30pm. Bar open, refreshments available, raffle.

**CLAPTON:** Clapton & Wayford Village Hall – sew, knit & natter, 10.30am. All welcome; details from Jill (01460 72837)

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2nd**

**CREWKERNE:** Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8–10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £3.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

**CHARD:** Chard Camera Club will be holding their meeting at 7.30pm in the Baptist church hall, Holyrood Street for an evening talk entitled 'Abandoned on the plains' by Tony and Eva Worobec. Persons interested in attending the club can obtain further details on [www.chardcameraclub.org.uk](http://www.chardcameraclub.org.uk) or by contacting Mr Malcolm Brocklehurst on 01460 68616

**CLAPTON:** Film: "Sarah's Key", showing at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall. Doors open 7.30pm, film starting at 8pm. Pre-booked guest tickets are £4 per film. For more information, or to pre-book, please email [mickpawson53@btinternet.com](mailto:mickpawson53@btinternet.com) or ring Mick Wilson on 01460 74849 or Di Crawley on 01460 30508

**TATWORTH:** Tatworth Flower Club are hosting a flower arranging demonstration by Lisa Fowler entitled "Crafty Creations". Doors open 1.30pm for 2pm start. Refreshments and cake stall available. All welcome for a £5 admission fee.

**CHARDSTOCK:** Beginners Tai Chi classes at Chardstock community centre every Thursday from 10.30 to 11.30 am. A fun and relaxed way of staying fit and healthy, suitable for all. Please contact Allan on 01297 32095 for more information.

**CREWKERNE:** Physio Fit – 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members.

**CREWKERNE:** Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre – 10.00am to 11.00am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members

**CREWKERNE:** Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 2 – 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3rd**

# The David Hall

FOLK • ROOTS • ACOUSTIC • JAZZ  
BLUES • DANCE • THEATRE • FILM

THE year got off to the perfect musical start at The David Hall when, on Thursday 12th January, a sell-out audience loved every minute of the performance by Paul Jones and Dave Kelly.

These two regular long-term members of The Blues Band impressed and charmed in equal measure with their distinct interpretation of the Blues Tradition. It was clear to see why they are without doubt one of the most sought-after acts on the circuit with a wonderful mix of voice, guitar and harmonica. They are at the top of my list to get an early return - which I am sure will once again be a sell-out!

On Saturday 21st we welcomed back for the first time 'the band taking the Folk scene by storm' when the London-based five-piece Stick in the Wheel performed. The band's raw, abrasive sound and uncompromising attitude got right to the heart of what Folk music is about. They interpret Traditional music in a manner like no other and it is easy to see why they are destined for great things. Loved by everyone present!

On Friday 27th we welcomed back for their fourth visit the Bully Wee Band. This quartet was formed in 1971 and are as relevant today as they were then. After a long sabbatical they reformed in 2004 and currently are on their 14th Annual tour. They performed a mix of traditional and original songs and tunes in their very distinctive style. Fantastic vocals and harmonies, together with fiddle, mandolin, whistles, guitar and mandocello, ensured this was another very special night. A great band at the top of their game.

February promises to be a varied and exciting month. It starts on Saturday 4th with the first ever visit to South Petherton from a stalwart of the West Country acoustic scene, and patriarch of a virtual Folk dynasty – namely, Geoff Lakeman. He's the dad of Seth; Sean (married to Kathryn Roberts) and Sam (married to Cara Dillon). The brothers got their passion for music in a family band with Geoff and their fiddle-playing mum, Joy. Geoff has performed in 29 countries and at festivals from Cornwall to Orkney. He is a master of the rare Crane Duet Concertina and we shall expect a mix of self-penned songs and varied traditional material. This is without doubt a night not to be missed!

On Saturday 11th there is a "private promotion" when local artist Tom Toomey brings his band, The Monfi Cats, to The David Hall. Their music is rooted in a fluid tapestry of different genres that include Blues, Jazz, Rock, Roots and Folk. I know this will be a night of very fine music.

On Saturday 18th we again receive an artist for his

first ever visit when Canada's Stephen Fearing performs.

I first became aware of Stephen in the early 1990's when I purchased the album, So Many Miles, and instantly became a fan. Stephen has built a national - and international - audience for his music that has seen him named as one of the finest songwriters in Canada. He is a great guitarist and a gifted storyteller with the ability to take an audience on a musical journey. Stephen should have been with us years ago and now that he is, I know this will be a gig that will long be remembered.

The month's music ends on Sunday 26th with another visit from the ever-popular Steve Knightly. This time, Steve's visit is part of his Landlocked Tour which will feature songs from his CD's All at Sea and Off the Beaten Track – so one half of the evening will feature original and traditional songs of the land, and the other will draw on his nautical themes. At the time of going to print tickets are still available - but there is no doubt that this event will once again be a sell-out!

Just a quick reminder that the one-day Petherton Folk Fest will take place again in South Petherton on Saturday 17th June. I will provide further details as they become available.

With thanks for your continued support!

**Pete Wheeler, Petherton Arts Trust**

## Further events at The David Hall in February

There will be a Valentines Disco on Friday 10th at 7.30pm. Come along to 'strut your funky stuff' or 'shake yer bootie' to music from the 1950s to 2000 with a Romantic edge! Tickets: £5. No concessions.

On Friday 24th February, Poems, Pints and Puds Presents: Where is Love? at 7.30pm. Petherton Arts Trust invites all Romantics out there to contribute or listen to an informal evening of poems, readings, songs to enlighten and entertain, accompanied by desserts and drinks. Ticket: £5 including food. NB: Please book by Wednesday 22 February. No tickets available on the night.

Petherton Picture Show will present two films in February – on Friday 3rd, Captain Fantastic, starring Vigo Mortensen, and on Friday 17th, Bridget Jones's Baby, starring Renee Zellweger, Gemma Jones and Jim Broadbent.

Acoustic Night is on Sunday 19th, from 7.30pm – 10.30pm. All styles and forms of performance welcome – not just folk. If you wish to perform please drop us an email at [folk@chriswatts.org](mailto:folk@chriswatts.org) to secure a slot.

The David Hall's popular monthly Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 22nd February, 10am – 12pm. Pop in for a cup of real coffee and a chat. Look around the book and bric-a-brac stalls and listen to some live music. Entry is free.

For further details about any of the above please check the website [www.thedavidhall.org.uk](http://www.thedavidhall.org.uk) or call 01460 240 340.

## "If a man dies shall he live again?" (Job 14:14)

THE subjects for this February's programme have to do with 'life after death'.

It would be fair to say that most religions of the

world exist largely because of the mystery of death and our curiosity to know what happens when we die. In the Bible Jesus Christ says of himself that

he "lived and died" and, "look", "now I am alive forever". Of course, he could only say that after he had been made alive again. These words occur in a vision given to the Apostle John. (Revelation 1:18)

His disciple and friend, Peter, speaking to the crowds at Jerusalem after the Lord's ascension said of Jesus. "...God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it".

The Bible teaches that humans die because of God's sentence for sin – everyone sins, so everyone dies. There is one amazing exception – Jesus Christ who did no sin.

But there's more. Jesus also says, "I have the keys of hell and of death". He has the power to unlock the grave and give new life to others as well.

# THE BIBLE STILL THE BOOK FOR TODAY

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(Revelation 1:18)

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A friendly welcome to all

# Diary Dates

**CREWKERNE:** Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45–4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

**YARCOMBE:** Mrs Beeton, My Sister, performed by Alison Neil at Yarcombe Jubilee Hall, 7.30pm. The show will mark the 150th anniversary of Mrs Beeton's death. Early booking is recommended. Tickets, including refreshments, priced £9.50 with £7 for suitable aged children 12–17. Available by calling 01404 861353, 01404 881634 or 01404 861465.

**ILMINSTER:** Friends of Wadham 80s Disco at Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster. 8pm – Midnight. Fancy Dress optional. Tickets £5 in advance / £8 on the door. Tickets available from the Shrubbery and Wadham Finance Office. Bring a raffle prize if you can.

## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4th

**DRIMPTON:** Clapton, Wayford and Drimpton Horticultural Society 10th Annual Potato Day. 10.30am–2.30pm. Pennards Plants will be bring a large selection of potatoes as well as many other edible vegetables. This year Dorset Wildlife Trust will be joining us and we hope that they will be able to advise us on how to make our Gardens attractive to wildlife. Jenny Beck a local artist is organising Potato Printing for Children and as always excellent local cakes and food will be on sale. The event provides an opportunity for veteran gardeners and novices to meet, share experiences and obtain expert advice. Non members welcome Drimpton Village Hall 10.30 am to 2.30pm

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5th

**COLYFORD:** Indoor Boot Sale at Colyford Memorial Hall. 9am–2pm. £5 a table. For more details call 01297 23591.

**CREWKERNE:** Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre – 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members. Transport available for second session, ring Centre to book.

## MONDAY FEBRUARY 6th

**AXMINSTER:** Axminster Carnival Bingo at Axminster Guildhall. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

**MISTERTON:** Bingo at Misterton Village Hall, eyes down 7.30pm, in aid of Merriott's Rainbows, Brownies & Guides group.

**CREWKERNE:** Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 7 – 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

## TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7th

**AXMINSTER:** Axminster Probus Club for retired and semi-retired business and professional men meets at 10.00 for 10.30am in a private room at the A35 Pit Stop, Gammons Hill, Kilminster for a talk by Darren Walker entitled 'Drink Wise Age Well and an optional lunch. For further details ring 01460 220528.

**CHARD:** Chard Ladies' Evening Guild will have a talk entitled 'Doorstep Milk Delivery' by Peter Hayward. New members and visitors are very welcome to join us at Manor Court School at 7pm.

**CREWKERNE:** Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre – Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

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**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8th**

**AXMINSTER:** Free Make & Munch with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30am–12.30pm. For parents and carers of children (0–18), a hands-on course of six sessions. Have fun preparing simple delicious food and enjoy eating it together. Pre-school age children welcome with parents/carers. New venue Masonic Hall, South Street, Axminster. To book a place call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email [admin@halff.org.uk](mailto:admin@halff.org.uk).

**HONITON:** Guided Exhibition Tour by SWAC Academician Ray Balkwill, at Thelma Hulbert Gallery, 6–8pm. £3 (£2 THG Friends) incl. glass of wine

**SIDMOUTH:** Parlour Music and Merriment from the Old Bull & Bush Company of Artists. At Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields. 3.30–4.30pm. Maestro Trevor Bolshaw, Jan Sutcliffe, Mo. Cuthbert and Brian Rees.

## More Diary Dates on page 34

Deadline is Friday 4pm for the following Tuesday's publication. Please ensure dates are included for all listings – weekly listings without dates may not be published.



Nicky Sweetland's

# Showtime

ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

## Experiencing the unpleasant side of theatre

THEATRE etiquette is a subject often written about within critic's circles and this week I had the misfortune of witnessing some prime examples of how not to behave in a theatre, cinema, or just generally in polite society.

After accidentally standing in a puddle of urine on a tube platform, my trip to see *Death Takes a Holiday* at Charing Cross Theatre began, as it was to continue, with unwanted excretions of bodily fluids very much the order of the day.

The Charing Cross Theatre is not the most opulent and as with many of the older venues in central London, the seating doesn't offer much legroom, so you are left having to share air and personal space with complete strangers.

Sadly, I was placed in front of a very large couple, who made the row of seats

quake with their every movement, at times rivaling the overhead railway, with their thunderous maneuvers.

On top of that, one of the pair insisted on continually scratching his very large leg during the performance, which he propped up on the seat next to me resulting in a shower of dead skin flowing freely over my shoulder. The other half of the disgusting duo obviously filled with the dreaded lurgy that's about-coughed and snorted on my other flank, often drowning out the more gentle musical numbers.

To add insult to injury a man slightly further along the row belched loudly intermittently throughout, while a chap in front illegally took photos with his phone and, as he didn't even have the sense to put the damn thing on silent, the sound and light were

hugely distracting.

Luckily the show itself was absolutely glorious, but I did find it difficult to come away with a positive outlook after the unsavoury behaviour of some of the audience members.

In the past I've had to move away from patrons, whose body odour has been so pungent I didn't dare continue my occupation of the adjacent seat for fear of my own unwanted dinner reprise.

My top tips for going to the theatre are really quite simple; wash, turn your phone off, sit still and shut up!

Thankfully my other theatre trips this week were without incident and I thoroughly enjoyed the political comedy *This House* - I had an onstage seat, which was thrilling-and a new show called *Dirty Great Love* story before I ventured over to Membury for their fabulous pan-



The performance of *Pandora's Box* in Membury was a hit

tomime version of *Pandora's Box*.

The audience in the Devon village mostly behaved themselves too although the contingent from All Saints got a bit lively after consuming copious amounts of wine at the interval.

Also this week, I chatted to my good friend and Tony Award winner Frances Ruffelle, who is about to star in a hugely anticipated new production of the musical *The Wild Party*, at The

Other Palace (formerly the St. James Theatre).

Next week I'm attempting to fit three weeks work into four days as with a holiday on the horizon I shall need to get ahead.

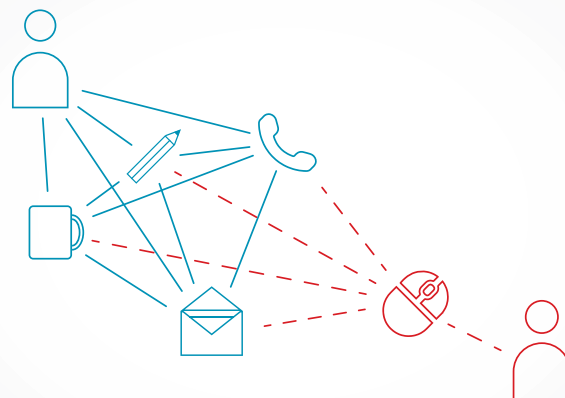
I'm off to the Alephi Theatre for my seventh visit to *Kinky Boots* (it's a real favourite), before *Fantastic Mr Fox* at the Lyric Hammersmith, *Nice Fish* starring Oscar winner Mark Rylance and *Stomp*, which has been running in the West End for a whopping 25

years and I'm yet to experience.

I'm then having a try at the *Faulty Towers* interactive dining experience, before I pop over to Bridport to see *Red Riding Hood*, which from the publicity photos looks very exciting.

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Chris Peluso and Zoe Doano in *Death takes a Holiday* at the Charing Cross Theatre



# Diary Dates

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9TH**  
**SEAVINGTON:** Seavington Gardening Club at 7.30pm in the Millennium Hall. The Gold Club will be giving a talk on "Growing Fruit and Vegetables on the Patio". There will be plants for sale. Visitors welcome £2 payable at the door and refreshments will be available plus a raffle. For further information please contact Karen Day tel. 01460 249728.

**CREWKERNE:** Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £3.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

**CHARD:** Chard Royal Naval Association will be meeting for their bi monthly social meeting at 7.30pm in the Chard Rugby football club Essex Close. The members will be entertained by Mrs Margaret Adams giving her comical version of life as a farmer's wife. The association is always on the look out for new members and any one wishing to attend their meeting on the night should come along where they would be made most welcome. Further details can be obtained from Mr Gary Pennells on 01460 77978

**CHARDSTOCK:** Beginners Tai Chi classes at Chardstock community centre every Thursday from 10.30 to 11.30 am. A fun and relaxed way of staying fit and healthy, suitable for all. Please contact Allan on 01297 32095 for more information.

**SEATON:** Seaton Garden Club monthly meeting will take place at 2.30 pm in the Masonic Hall, Queen Street. Talk on "How to renovate a tired garden" by Elizabeth Holman who is a Garden Designer and Horticulturist. Visitors welcome, charge £2, to include refreshments. Contact details: 01297 24049.

## FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10TH

**CREWKERNE:** Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

**KILMINGTON:** Echinacea and Redbeckia. An interesting talk, Martin Young covers the versatility of this very popular plant group, from providing late summer and autumn colour in the garden to the medicinal use of Echinacea. Kilmingdon Garden Club, Kilmingdon village hall, Whitford Road, Kilmingdon, EX13 7RF 7.30PM. Non members £1.00

**LYME REGIS:** U3A Heritage Coast. Social and information morning, 10am in Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, DT7 3PG. Come for free coffee and chat, a chance to meet leaders of more than fifty interest and activity groups, to find out more about the U3A, and to join in if you wish. At 10.30am, a special welcome and introduction for new and recently-joined members. Members and non-members all welcome. More information about the U3A at website lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297-444566.

**CLAPTON:** Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - 'Food on Friday', mid-day for 12.30pm start. Good two course meal + roll & butter and unlimited tea/coffee. Special diets can be catered for if requested in advance. Open to all ages; very friendly atmosphere; newcomers really welcomed, but please book places in advance by phoning June (01460 77057) or Jackie (01460 72324), who will also provide more information if required.

## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11TH

**CREWKERNE:** Crewkerne and District Twinning Association are holding a "Valentines Coffee Morning" at Crewkerne Heritage Centre in the upstairs room, from 10 am until Noon. Cake and top ups of Coffee or tea £2.50. Everyone is welcome if anyone has an interest in hosting this year from 25th/28th May please come along as well to hear what we have planned. Otherwise come along for a social morning.

**HINTON ST GEORGE:** Hinton St. George 'Flix in the Stix' presents 'Bridget Jones' Baby' (15), in the Hinton Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or £5.50p on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563.

**CHARD:** Dancing with the Dancing Duo Henry & Jeannie. Theme 'February Romance', at Chard Guildhall, 8-11pm. Free parking. Bring your own snacks. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided. Pay on the door £6.

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12TH

**COLYFORD:** Indoor Boot Sale at Colyford Memorial Hall. 9am-2pm. £5 a table. For more details call 01297 23591.

**BROADCLYST:** 'Strictly on Sundays' at Broadclyst Victory Hall, 2.30pm-5pm. Free parking. Pay on the door £5 (includes tea/coffee and cakes).

**SIDMOUTH:** Schubert on Sunday with senior students of Vocal coach Alex Poulton, Dorothy Worthington - piano, Kevin Hurst - clarinet. At Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields. 3.30-4.30pm.

## MONDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

**WINSHAM:** Winsham Art Club meeting, Lisa Neill, 'A Winter Landscape', watercolour paint/acrylic paint. Meetings every Monday 2-4pm at the Jubilee Hall, Church Street. Coffee/tea and biscuits provided.

**HONITON:** Honiton Art Society Meeting. Watercolour demonstration by David Norman At Awliscombe

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ILMINSTER ARTS CENTRE THIS FEBRUARY

THERE is a feast of good things to enjoy at the Arts Centre this February, whether you are interested in visual art, music or contemporary crafts. In the Gallery, the group exhibition 'It's a Wonderful World' continues until February 11th. Celebrating the diversity of the world we live in, the show includes a richly textured display of wildlife photographs by Oliver Hellowell, travel reportage photography by photo journalist Bernard Ringrose, paintings by Matthew Dennett and Valerie Duckworth, textiles by k3n, and 3D works by Rachel Hartland.

Over the half-term period students from Greenfyld School, Swanmead School, Neroche School, Chard School and Strode College will be displaying their artworks in the sixth instalment of our popular 'Schools Go Visual' exhibition. Come and admire the talent and vision of these new artistic voices. This is a lovely exhibition for a multi-generational trip to the Arts Centre - why not have lunch here and make a day of it? The show runs February 13th-25th.

At the end of the month we welcome a group of West Country artists who are exhibiting together for the first time. 'Confluence' unites their latest works under one roof - a dynamic collection of textiles, stone carved sculpture, watercolours, photography and figurative urban landscapes. Starts February 27th.

Our February concert programme get off to a fiery start with trad jazz legends, New Orleans Heat on Friday, February 10th. Led by pianist



with Abigail Willis

Barry Grummet this highly regarded group travels Europe and the UK, playing authentic New Orleans style jazz. Now it's Ilminster's turn to bask in the musical sunshine of the Crescent City!

On Friday 24th The Dave Betts Latin Quartet take to the Arts Centre's stage. This Bristol based band is a regular at Ronnie Scott's club in London and they play modern jazz with a distinctly contemporary

flavour, with infectious grooves and plenty of Latin rhythm. Funky stuff!

There's a completely different flavour to our concert the following night, on Saturday 25th, which features arias and ensembles from opera and operetta, sung by students from the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama. The college is internationally renowned, and this concert is a fabulous chance to hear the singing stars of the future performing in the intimate surrounds of the Arts Centre. Starts 7.30pm

Our programme of hands-on workshops continues through February, with Slow Stitch (February 10th), Readers (10th), Felting (17th), Rag Rugs (24th). Our untutored workshops are perfect for those who like to work under their own steam in like-minded company: Clay on Mondays; Figure drawing second and fourth of the month; Art Group Thursday afternoon. For budding young artists our Children's Art Chest workshop on Saturday, February 18th will explore the theme 'Frosty February'.

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# Diary Dates

Village Hall, 2-4pm. Visitors and new members always welcome. Visitors £4. At www.honitonartso-ciety.com

**MISTERTON:** Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Every Monday.

**MUSBURY:** Musbury Village Hall Management Committee Annual General Meeting. Public meeting held in Musbury Village Hall Committee Room at 7.30pm.

## TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

**BROADWAY:** The Ile Valley Flower Club meeting at Broadway Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Dave Moon of the National Garden Scheme with a 'Digital Visual Presentation'. All are welcome as visitors or future members this should prove to be interesting to all Flower Arrangers and Gardeners

**CHARD:** Chard Royal British Legion Branch Meeting. The next meeting of the Chard Royal British Legion Branch will take place at 7.30pm, meeting in the Maltings Committee Room. The newly elected Branch Committee is very keen to encourage younger people to become members of the branch and help to support members and ex-members of our Armed Forces.

**DUNKESWELL:** Dunkeswell bowls club need support for a new carpet fund. We are having a two course curry evening in Dunkeswell Village Hall, 7pm. Tickets are £12.50 each from Dunkeswell shop or Elaine on 01404 891519. There will be musical entertainment to end this pleasurable evening. An evening not to be missed. Please bring your own choice of drinks. Iced water will be available.

**COLYFORD:** Cash Bingo at Colyford Hall, 7.45pm in aid of Seaton Friends Hospital @ Home. Ample parking. Please come and support this very worthy cause.

**SIDMOUTH:** East Devon Organ Club at Primley Road Church Hall (EX10 9LH). Steve Hubble will perform at 2.30pm (preceded by AGM at 2pm).

## WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

**COLYTON:** Devonshire Association Axe Valley Branch at the The Pavilion, Peace Memorial Playing Fields, 2.30pm An illustrated talk "The Colyton Canal". Ken Clifford will tell how in the 19th century there were plans for a Ship Canal to cross Devon and Somerset. Thomas Telford, a floating harbour at Beer, a cut through the chalk cliff, a famous smuggler as consultant...All welcome, admission £1 for DA members, non-members £3. Details from 01297551529 or brian\_denham@talktalk.net

**SEATON:** Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8-10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit www.jurassicfolkandjam.com

**SEATON:** Seaton and District Probus Club. Talk by Helena Williams: Exotic Travels with my Camera. 10 am at Seaton Methodist Church small hall. The club is open to retired or semi-retired men over 55. New members/prospective members welcome - come and give us a try. Please contact Stephen Lord on 01297 21872 for more information.

## THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16TH

**CREWKERNE:** Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £3.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

**CHARD:** Chard Camera Club will be holding their in house Digitally Projected Image competition the subject being 'two open images'. They will also be judged on their Portfolio Images (a panel of three images covering a subject of their choice) the judge for the evening being Mr Peter Hyett.

**CHARDSTOCK:** Beginners Tai Chi classes at Chardstock community centre every Thursday from 10.30 to 11.30 am. A fun and relaxed way of staying fit and healthy, suitable for all. Please contact Allan on 01297 32095 for more information.

## FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17TH

**CREWKERNE:** Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

**TATWORTH:** Film: 'Bridget Jones' Baby' at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors 7.15pm, film 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220198.

**SHELDON:** The brilliant double-act 'Opera Dudes' will be bringing their show "Licenced To Trill" to Sheldon Village Hall for Villages in Action, providing an evening of fabulous entertainment. No ordinary operatic duo, the two tenors rip up the rule book with an act ranging from classical Verdi through show songs and rock to 'Carry On' fun. Tickets for this show are available now from John Carr on 01404 841367. Prices - Adult £10 Child £5. Doors open 7 pm. Licensed Bar

**SOUTH PERROTT:** Family bingo at the village hall. Eyes down 6.30pm. For more details call 01935 891224.

## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

**SEATON:** Seaton Lions table top sale at Seaton Methodist Church, doors 8am, sale 9.15am-1pm. Donation entry. Ample free parking. Tea/coffee. For more details call 01297 624313.



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2. It's also important to find out if you live in a smoke control area (see [www.gov.uk/smoke-control-area-rules](http://www.gov.uk/smoke-control-area-rules)). A smoke control area means you can't emit smoke from a chimney unless you're burning an authorised fuel (see [smokecontrol.defra.gov.uk/fuels.php](http://smokecontrol.defra.gov.uk/fuels.php)), or smokeless fuel (such as anthracite), or using a Defra-exempt appliance. Lots of wood burners are Defra exempt, but not all. In addition, many wood burners can only burn certain fuels, so find out before buying one.



3. Depending on the style of your room and wood burner, a 'floating' wooden beam can look great fixed above the opening in the chimney breast (see my how-to tip below). However, the underside of any beam, lintel or shelf, etc, made of a combustible material must be at least 450mm away from the top of the wood burner - check with the manufacturer or installer for their requirements. If you don't have enough space between the two, non-combustible wood-effect beams, such as ones made of metal, are safe to fit closer to the top of the wood burner, but are harder to find and can be expensive.

4. Your wood burner will need to sit on a decorative hearth, often a stone slab, such as marble, granite or slate, which may already be in place. "For wood-burning stoves, the hearth must be constructed from a non-combustible material with a minimum thickness of 12mm," says Wood. "Where the floor temperature could be raised above 100C, there must also be a constructional hearth of at least 125mm below and in front of the wood burner. The size of this can differ between manufacturers, so it's worth checking." A constructional hearth is typically a concrete hearth below the decorative hearth, which you often find in period properties with wooden floorboards, but may also be a concrete floor, for example.

5. Keeping your wood burner clean is vital to protecting it and the chimney from contaminants. "This will improve the wood burner's performance and efficiency, and increase its lifespan," says Wood. "We recommend getting a chimney sweep to clean the chimney at least once a year to stop soot building up and ensure the fire chamber and flue are kept free from blockages." He continues: "Also burn high quality kiln-dried wood, if possible, and have good ventilation in the room to allow heat to circulate effectively." Extra ventilation isn't usually required for wood burners with a 5kW or less output, but for ones with a higher output, a permanent air vent to the outside is needed in the room to allow proper combustion in the wood burner.

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### HOW-TO TIP

To fit a solid wooden beam seamlessly above a chimney-breast opening, use concealed fixings that slot into the beam from behind and also attach to the wall, in a similar way to a floating shelf. If you're having the chimney breast plastered, you could use fixings that can be plastered over, and get the plasterer to go up to and around the beam.



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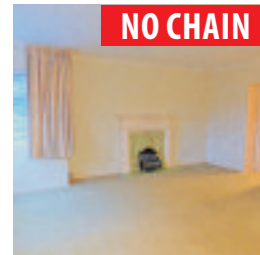


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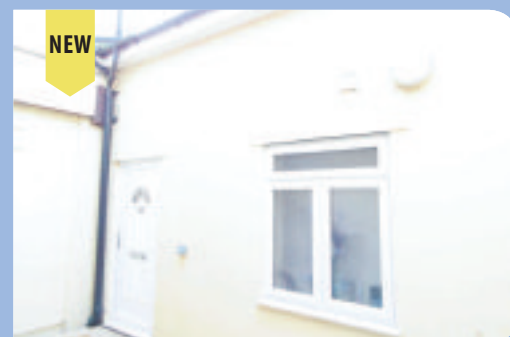


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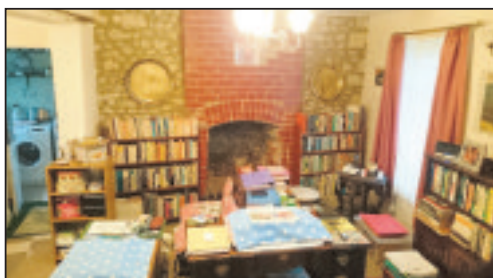
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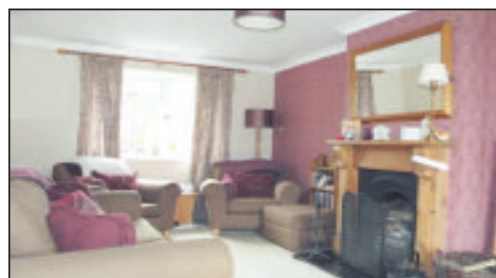
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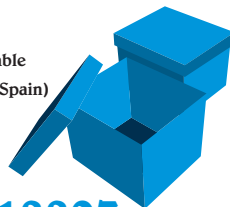
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## It's love at first sight as Polo event gets under way

VOLKSWAGEN has extended its tempting Polo offer with two new incentives. As well as a generous deposit contribution with insurance included, Polo customers can now take advantage of a free service plan and receive a discount on the Style Pack.

The deposit contribution of £1,400 is available for customers who opt for a Volkswagen Financial Services' Solutions Personal Contract Plan at 6.2 per cent APR representative. This is a significant saving for potential Polo customers and the terrific value for money that this represents is enhanced by the offer of a year's insurance included.

Running from 27 January to Valentine's Day on 14 February the Polo Event offers customers a valuable saving on Volkswagen's popular supermini. With this strong package Volkswagen has ensured it's even easier to fall in love with a Polo: whether it's the practical S, the sporty GTI, or anything in between.

And throughout the Polo Event all customers will now benefit from a free service plan, too. This includes both of their Polo's first two services.

The Polo's clean, sculpted lines draw admirers and during the Polo Event customers can further enhance the look of their new car with the Style Pack. This includes stainless steel door sill trims to keep scratches away. Tyre valves are

protected with stainless steel caps and a chrome strip on the boot lip combines protection with style. In addition, a chrome exhaust trim adds an extra element of sportiness to the rear.

Together, this additional flair makes up the Style Pack that usually retails at £318 RRP but is reduced to just £236 RRP for the duration of the Polo Event.

Every model in Volkswagen's extensive Polo range is packed with big-car technology. This includes Electronic Stability Control which, together with Traction Control, enhances safety. Driver comfort is ensured with speed sensitive power assisted steering, which is combined with a 'hill hold' function that prevents the car from rolling back when paused on an incline.

A five-inch colour touchscreen is the centrepiece of the Composition Colour infotainment system. This includes a CD player, DAB radio and an SD card reader. A smartphone can be connected via Bluetooth and the Polo boasts six speakers as standard. All of this is included on the Polo S, which costs from £11,830 RRP OTR before the offer is applied.

New for 2017 is the Polo Match Edition, which starts from £13,315 RRP OTR and includes cruise control, front and rear parking sensors, automatic wipers and even more equipment besides. In addition

the Polo Match Edition's Composition Media system has a 6.5-inch colour touchscreen that allows the simultaneous pairing of two mobile devices and includes a car information option plus album title and cover art display.

A notable highlight of the Match Edition is the App-Connect element of Volkswagen's Car-Net connectivity system. This allows the mirroring of the customer's smartphone display on the infotainment screen via Apple's CarPlay, Google's Android Auto or MirrorLink, depending on the make of the customer's smartphone.

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The Polo range includes the Polo beats, which starts at £14,215 RRP OTR, with its 300-watt sound system with a eight channel amplifier. The SEL features sharp LED headlights and stylish 16-inch 'Rivazza' alloy wheels, while the Polo R-Line adds a comprehensive 'R-Line' styling pack for head-turning looks both inside and out.

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For more details on all the cars in the Volkswagen Polo range, together with brochures and pricing and to use Volkswagen's online configurator, please visit [www.volkswagen.co.uk](http://www.volkswagen.co.uk).



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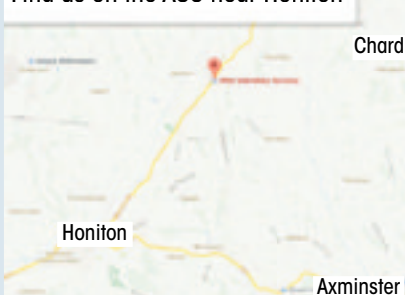
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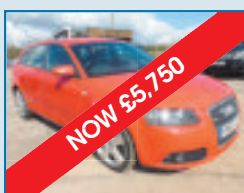
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Citroën customers can now enjoy an even more relaxing drive and greater comfort with the introduction of the brand's 6-speed automatic transmission to the multi-award winning C4 Cactus line-up. Paired with

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The 6-speed Efficient Automatic Transmission (EAT6) delivers a compelling blend of smooth power delivery, ultra-fast gear changes and dynamic efficiency. In addition, the new-generation transmission ensures excellent low-speed driveability thanks to a 'creep'

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This latest addition to the C4 Cactus range is exclusively available with the PureTech 110 S&S 3-cylinder petrol engine in Flair trim. The model also features a 7-inch touchscreen, eMyWay satellite navigation, a colour reversing camera, rear parking sensors, as well as Bluetooth® connectivity and media streaming.

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| Radstock Town       | 27  | 44  |
| CHARD TOWN          | 29  | 43  |
| Malmesbury Victoria | 27  | 42  |
| Ashton & Backwell   | 27  | 42  |
| Wincanton Town      | 30  | 41  |
| Portishead Town     | 26  | 40  |
| Devizes Town        | 28  | 39  |
| Warminster Town     | 27  | 36  |
| Roman Glass SG      | 29  | 35  |
| Westbury Utd.       | 28  | 34  |
| Oldland Abbotonians | 25  | 31  |
| Chippenhams Park    | 29  | 29* |
| Bishops Sutton      | 27  | 28  |
| Welton Rovers       | 29  | 28  |
| Calne Town          | 27  | 27  |
| Corsham Town        | 29  | 26  |
| Almondsbury UWE     | 26  | 11  |

| Somerset D1W (24)   | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Portishead Town Res | 34  | 36  |
| ILMINSTER TOWN      | 15  | 31  |
| Street Reserves     | 14  | 30  |
| Winscombe           | 15  | 26  |
| Somerton Town       | 13  | 25  |
| Uphill Castle       | 16  | 23  |
| Minehead AFC        | 14  | 20  |
| Burnham Utd         | 14  | 17  |
| Highbridge Town     | 15  | 17  |
| Cleeve West Town    | 16  | 15  |
| COMBE ST NIC        | 15  | 14  |
| Glastonbury         | 15  | 6   |
| Congresbury         | 14  | 5*  |

| D&E Div 3 (20)    | Pld | Pts |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| Bampton           | 15  | 32  |
| University 4ths   | 13  | 30  |
| PERRY STREET      | 12  | 29  |
| Axminster Res     | 15  | 29  |
| Honiton Town Res  | 16  | 29  |
| East Budleigh     | 19  | 29  |
| Tedburn St Mary   | 18  | 23  |
| Newton Poppleford | 14  | 18  |
| Clyst Valley Res. | 16  | 15  |
| Exmouth Amat Res. | 17  | 11  |
| Culm Utd          | 18  | 4   |

| D&E Div 7 (22)     | Pld | Pts |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| Wellington 3rds    | 19  | 48  |
| ILMINSTER RES      | 17  | 43  |
| Cranbrook          | 17  | 41  |
| Sidmouth Town 3rds | 16  | 33  |
| Exmouth Spartans   | 17  | 31  |
| K&M Polonia Exe    | 18  | 24  |
| Woodbury Res       | 17  | 16  |
| Cheriton Fitzpaine | 17  | 15  |
| Seaton Town Res    | 14  | 14  |
| Bickleigh Res      | 14  | 11  |
| Colyton Res        | 15  | 7   |
| HT Dons            | 17  | 3   |

| Perry St Premier (20) | Pld | Pts |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|
| Beaminster            | 13  | 34  |
| Barrington            | 11  | 27  |
| South Petherton       | 12  | 27  |
| Shepton Beauchamp     | 12  | 26  |
| Winsham Utd           | 13  | 25  |
| Misterton             | 11  | 17  |
| Chard Utd             | 10  | 11  |
| W & M Chinnock        | 12  | 9   |
| Netherbury            | 12  | 9   |
| Combe Reserves        | 11  | 2*  |
| Drimpton              | 13  | 0   |

| Perry St Div 1 (18)  | Pld | Pts |
|----------------------|-----|-----|
| Pymore               | 9   | 20  |
| Merriott Rovers      | 9   | 18  |
| Forton Rangers       | 10  | 17  |
| Waytown Hounds       | 9   | 16  |
| Uplyme               | 10  | 14  |
| Hawkhurst Utd.       | 10  | 13  |
| Shepton Beau Res     | 8   | 11* |
| Ilminster Town Colts | 9   | 10  |
| Combe A              | 7   | 7   |
| South Petherton Res  | 11  | 1   |

| Perry St Div 2 (18) | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Chard Rangers       | 10  | 27  |
| Charmouth           | 13  | 23  |
| Winsham Utd Res     | 11  | 22  |
| Halstock            | 8   | 21  |
| Farway Utd          | 11  | 21  |
| Thorncombe          | 12  | 12  |
| Dowlish & Donyatt   | 11  | 12  |
| Crewkerne Rangers   | 8   | 6   |
| Kingsbury Episcopi  | 12  | 6   |
| Chard Utd Reserves  | 10  | 3   |

| Perry St Div 3 (22) | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Misterton Reserves  | 11  | 29  |
| Forton Rangers Res  | 10  | 24  |
| Uplyme Reserves     | 11  | 24  |
| Crewk Rangers Res   | 12  | 19  |
| Thorncombe Res      | 13  | 19  |
| Merriott Dynamos    | 11  | 17  |
| Ilminster Town A    | 14  | 17  |
| Lyme Regis Rovers   | 12  | 13* |
| Fivehead            | 9   | 12  |
| Chard Rangers Res   | 14  | 11  |
| Farway Utd Res      | 12  | 8   |
| Chard Utd All Stars | 9   | 2*  |

| SW Women's D1E (16) | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Forest Green Rovers | 9   | 25  |
| AEK Boco            | 9   | 21  |
| ILMINSTER TOWN      | 9   | 17  |
| FC Chippenhams      | 10  | 14  |
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football around the south somerset teams

## May double boosts Ilminster hopes

Spot on Friend worth a point – Shepton title hopes on the line – Street lifted by Perry treble

Saturday, January 28th

**Chard Town 1 Chippenhams Park 1**  
Toolstation League Div One – att; 68  
A LATE penalty from Steve Friend rescued a well-deserved point for Chard Town from Saturday's visit by Chippenhams Park.

Friend had the ball in the net early on, but his effort was ruled out for offside, and the first half ended goal less with both keepers – Jon Hill and Sam Thomson – pulling off decent saves.

Hill made a fine one-handed save just before the hour mark, while James Boyland had a crisp shot finger tipped over the bar soon after.

The visitors grabbed the lead in the 72nd minute when Darrin Moss capitalised on a defensive mix-up. But Chard rallied.

Both Friend and strike partner Scott Martin were thwarted before defender Kieren Bailey had his shirt pulled in the area and Friend stepped up to dispatched the resulting spot kick.

Despite missing out on a three-point haul, the result still sees Chard climb a place to seventh in the table.

Next up for Chard is the possibility of a league double as they visit Portishead Town on Saturday (3pm ko).

**Chard Town:** Jon Hill, Pat Golden, Ryan Mason, Kieran Bailey, Jack Dicker, Luke Jackson (Scott Martin 60), Matt Howell, Scott Jakeman, Brad Miles, James Boyland, Steve Friend. Unused subs, Shaun Wells-Burr, Andy Holmes.

### SW PENINSULA LEAGUE DIV ONE (E)

**STOKE GABRIEL 4 AXMINSTER TOWN 3**  
A DEFEAT at high-flying Stoke Gabriel sees Axminster Town drop two places to sixth in the SW Peninsula League (east) table.

The game was lost in the first half with Sean Finch scoring twice in side the opening half hour and Tom Kelly added a third before the interval.

Nathan Warren's seventh goal of the season 20 minutes from time provided scant consolation for the visitors who conceded again when Ollie Critchlow rounded of the scoring.

Three points will be very much on the agenda next Saturday when the Tigers entertain bottom-of-the-table EXWICK VILLA (3pm ko).

**Axminster:** Scott Wells-Burr, Craig Every, Ben Clay, Elliot Dyer, Chris Duchenski, Liam Cleal, Danny Clay, Nathan Warren, Aaron Daniels, Tony Pinder, Callum Garrett. Subs; Mark Scott, Joe Urquhart, Mark Smale.

### SOMERSET LEAGUE Division One (West)

**COMBE ST NICHOLAS 2 WINSCOMBE 1**

A DEPLETED Combe, missing three regulars, were forced into a reshuffle but still came away with three valuable points at Slades Cross on Saturday.

A goal in each half from top scorer Liam Riste took his tally into double figures for the season and clinched the points with a late penalty for the visitors counting for little.

Combe manager Phil Loaring was impressed by new signing Nuno and skipper Dan Collins.

The two teams are set to meet in the reverse fixture next Saturday.

**MINEHEAD AFC 1 ILMINSTER TOWN 2**

A DOUBLE from centre back Jonny May helped Ilminster Town bank another three points in their quest for promotion back to the Somerset League Premier Division.

May bagged the opener and then provided the moment of the match

when pounced on a loose ball before setting off on a run that took him past four defenders before he scooped the ball over the home keeper.

Minehead started the second half well and duly pulled a goal back. The Ilminster cause was then hampered by a red card for Jonny Manley for retaliation, but the Blues held on for the win.

A delighted Ilminster manager Jason Manley told *View Sports*: "We started the game with a different formation with five across the back when we were defending due to the wide pitch.

"I thought defensively it was our best performance of the season while Joe Simmons worked hard up front on his own when we went down to 10 and Josh Parsons and the Brown brothers, Matt and Darren, also put in good shifts."

Ilminster, back up to second after rivals Street were held to a 0-0 by Uphill Castle, are set to welcome lowly CONGRESBURY next Saturday (2.30pm).

### DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

**TEDBURN ST MARY 2 PERRY STREET 6**

A HAT-TRICK from Tom Perry formed the backbone of a workmanlike away win for promotion-chasing Perry Street.

Street took the lead when the pacy Perry was tripped in the area and Dan O'Connor made no mistake from the penalty spot.

Perry made it 2-0 when he converted a Sam Johnson cross and the result was effectively sealed when Billy Sheahan added number three.

But the visitors then became lethargic and the Saints cut the deficit to 3-1. The goal sparked fresh impetus and Perry netted his second before half time. Into the second half, and it was more or less one-way traffic.

Perry completed his hat-trick when he rounded the keeper having been put through by Ben Mear.

O'Connor scored his second penalty after Sam Bond had been scythed down. The match then became niggly and Tedburn had a player dismissed.

Street boss Andy Bond picked out Steve Every as his MoM.

Next up The Mothers visit EAST BUDLEIGH who are all set to complete their league campaign!

**ILMINSTER TOWN RES 2 CRANBROOK 1 (D7)**

THINGS went well for Ilminster Town Reserves as they came out on top in their promotion six-pointer against rivals Cranbrook.

Kamil Wilk fired the Blues ahead in the first half and good work from Steve Rodder lead to an OG to create a two-goal cushion at half time.

The visitors pulled one back but Ilminster had done enough to clinch the three points.

James Govier's side head off to the cost to take on SEATON TOWN RESERVES next Saturday.

**SOMERSET INTERMEDIATE CUP R3**

**ILMINSTER COLTS 2 COLEFORD ATH RES 0**  
GOALS from Jake Woodard and Sam-Tratt earned the Ilminster third string a last 16 home tie against Timsbury Athletic Reserves.

Woodard headed home a Charlie Male corner to put the Blues in front on Saturday and the win was secured when Tratt neatly lobbed over the visiting keeper.

**PERRY STREET LEAGUE**

**ARTHUR GAGE CUP R1**

**S. PETHERTON RES 1 HAWKHURST UTD 8**  
JAMES Melville took his season's goal

## Saved! but Stars fall



◆ CLOSE: The Chard United All Stars' defence holds firm in Saturday's 6-0 Bill Bailey Cup quarter-final defeat by Lyme Regis Rovers at Forton. Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE

tally up to 30 with a hat trick in the 8-1 demolition of bottom-of-the-table South Petherton.

Melville opened the scoring only for Joe Humphries to equalise soon after. But from here it was all Hawkchurch with Gavin Herrod and Andy Dymond making it 3-1 at half time.

Melville completed his hat trick after the turnaround with Jack Larcombe, Josh Short and Tom Chubb also getting on the score sheet.

**COMBE A 2 WAYTOWN HOUNDS 4**

GOALS from Matt Corrick and Richard Curwood couldn't save Combe A as they crashed out of the Arthur Gage cup beaten by an in-form Waytown Hounds side.

Tom Rutland, Sam Dowle, John Kingston and top-scorer Jon Legg netted for the visitors.

**QUARTER-FINAL LINE UP:** Forton Rangers v Hawkchurch Utd, Ilminster Colts v Merriott Rovers, Uplyme v Waytown Hounds, Shepton Beau Res v Pymore.

**TOMMY TABBERER CUP QF**

**CHARD RANGERS 2 HALSTOCK 4**  
HALSTOCK set up a cup semi final at either Charmouth or Crewkerne Rangers with an impressive win at Jocelyn Park.

Ollie Hutchings, James Parrott, Mark Whitmarsh and sub Darren House scored for Adge Diment's side after Jordan capper had put Rangers ahead. Tom Warren scored a late consolation.

**WINSHAM UTD RES 4** (R.Goodland, B.Masters, C.Sutherland, J.Fowler)  
**THORNCOMBE 1** (B.Garrett).

**Semi-final line up:** Farway Utd or Dowlish & Donyatt v Winsham Utd, Charmouth or Crewkerne Rangers v Halstock.

**BILL BAILEY CUP QF**

**CREWK RANGERS RES 2 FORTON RES 3**  
FORTON Rangers came from behind to book their place in the semi's. An Ali Gurlek strike had Crewkerne in front at half time, but Stuart Packer tapped in an equaliser on the hour and Eddie James crowned an MoM showing to put the visitors in front.

But Gurlek struck again to force extra time where James picked out Packer with a free kick and the striker nodded home from a yard out.

Other scores; **MERRIOTT DYNAMOS 2** (M.Calverley, D.Baker) **CHARD RANGERS RES 3** (S.Curtis, A.Evans, John Mason). **CHARD UTD AS 0 LYME REGIS RANGERS 6** (P.Peacock 2, M.Batey, M.Marsden, S.Taylor, D.Pickering). **THORNCOMBE RES 0 UPLYPE RESERVES 5** (F.Thomson 2, F.Harris, R.Smith, OG).

**Semi-final line up:**

Forton Rangers Res v Uplyme Res, Lyme Regis Rovers v Chard Ranger Res.

**PREMIER**

**BARRINGTON 5 COMBE RESERVES 1**

AN Andy Whitefield hat trick helped propel Barrington up to second in the table and keep alive their hopes of sneaking up and landing the title.

Guy Dare and George Hayward also scored for the Yellow Hammers whose manager Sid Brown said: "We should have scored more, but at least we are creating chances. We'll just keep doing our job and hope other results go our way."

A Josh Manley penalty was all the lowly Saints had to show for their efforts.

**BEAMINSTER 4 W & M CHINNOCK 1**

BEAMINSTER remain in the driving seat in the title race after beating a Chinnock side who played for three quarters of the match with 10-men after joint-player manger Tom Charles was red carded by new PSDL referee Roger Hughes.

Murray Legg fired the hosts ahead only for Liam Bennett to equalise. But Legg restored the lead before the red card was than brandished for a two-footed lunge by Charles on Legg and this left the visitors with a mountain to climb.

Russell Legg then drilled home number three to put the Rainbows clear.

They missed a good chance to add another when Rich Hebditch's penalty was tipped against the bar by keeper Matt Alford.

Amazingly, the prolific striker failed from the penalty spot again in the second half before finally getting on the score sheet.

"It was always going to be difficult on a heavy pitch with 10-men for so long, but we were resolute and frustrated them before our legs went and they scored a late fourth," said Chinn's joint-manager Dan Harvey.

**SHEPTON BEAU 1 SOUTH PETHERTON 2**

SOUTH Petherton bounced back from a terrible start to keep alive their tile aspirations at Brimgrove Lane.

The game was just a minute old when Aaron Stayner's corner was flicked on at the near post by player-manager Doug Whitfield and Kris Hastings netted from close in to give the hosts the lead that they deservedly held for 25 minutes.

But new signing Jamie David marked his Pethy debut with the equaliser

from 25-yard free kick midway through the first half.

Shepton went close on the hour mark when a George Pugson shot bounced down off the crossbar with the hosts claiming the ball had crossed the line.

But the winner came in the 65th minute when sub Dom May, up from the Reserves, set up Ryan Thurgood for his 16th goal of the season.

Hasting thought he had headed home an equaliser but referee Steve Ridler once again said the ball hadn't crossed the line.

A disappointed Whitfield said: "After a disappointing first half we were much better in the second, the lads left the pitch feeling robbed. I was on the line for Kris' header and it was that far over it was out of my reach!"

Pethy boss Karl Diment said: "Our luck turned today – the ref probably missed their equaliser, but then we recently had a perfectly good goal at Beaminster not given."

"They [Shepton] should also have had a player red carded for a terrible two-footed tackle on Jamie David."

### OTHER RESULTS

**DIVISION ONE**  
Forton Rangers p Shepton Beau Res p  
**DIVISION TWO**  
Charmouth p Crewkerne Rangers p  
Kingsbury Episcopi (D2) v Combe A (D1)  
Res 5 (D.Scriven 2, D.Rogers 2, J.Cox).  
**DIVISION THREE**  
Misterton Res 9 (C.Preston 4, C.Hooper 2, D.Richards, K.Adams, S.Weston) Ilminster Town A 1.

**FIXTURES – Saturday, February 4th**

(Cup games, 2pm ko, League games 2.30pm)  
**DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP QF**  
Forton Rangers (Div 1) v Pymore (D1)  
Hawkchurch Utd (D1) v Misterton Res (D3)  
Ilminster Colts (D1) v Merriott Rovers (D1)  
Uplyme (D1) v Thorncombe (D2)

**KEN HODGES CUP QF**

Farway Utd (D2) v Charmouth (D2)  
Kingsbury Episcopi (D2) v Combe A (D1)  
South Petherton Res (D1) v Chard Rangers (D2)

**REG EGLON CUP QF**

Chard Rangers Res v Thorncombe Reserves  
Chard Utd All Stars v Forton Rangers Reserves  
Crewkerne Rangers Res v Farway Utd Reserves

**PREMIER**

Barrington v Beaminster  
Combe Reserves v Shepton Beauchamp  
Misterton v West & Middle Chinnock  
Winsham Utd v Chard Utd  
**DIVISION ONE**  
Waytown Hounds v Shepton Beauchamp Res  
**DIVISION TWO**  
Chard Utd Reserves v Winsham Utd Reserves  
**DIVISION THREE**  
Fivehead v Ilminster Town A  
Merriott Dynamos v Uplyme Reserves



## hockey chard

## Goss off to a flier

### ECV Hornets B 2 Chard A 4

THIS game got off to a bang with three goals in the first nine minutes with Trevor Goss grabbing a brace.

On five minutes he finished off a wonderful sequence of Chard passes, Jason Goddard providing the cross and Goss firing home.

Then, after the Hornets had equalised just three minutes later, Goddard sent in another cross and Goss making no mistake from close range.

Kyle Wheaton then put Chard 3-1 up after the keeper had parried his first effort.

Chard eased further ahead 10 minutes into the second half from a penalty corner.

Harvey Denning's initial shot was saved but the ball fell to Gary Wheaton whose shot-come-pass found its way to Goddard who scored from close range.

The Hornets who pulled a goal back from a penalty corner and a diving save and follow up clearance by Nick Liggins prevented the home side from denying Chard all three points in the last few minutes.

Match sponsor: *Gordon Stoker* and Son, Jewellers & Valuers.

*Chard: R Green, N Liggins, A Critchley, P Pratt, C Knight, N Parkinson, J Goddard, J Spurdle (capt), T Goss, H Denning, G Wheaton, T King, J Green, M Kane, K Wheaton.*

## rugby chard

# Hill's boot shoots down lowly Chard

**Chard 7 Clevedon 22**  
HIGH-FLYING Clevedon were given a real run for their money by lowly Chard who battled hard throughout and played their part in an evenly contested match writes *Glyn Hughes*.

But the visitors had a real trump card in Keiran Hill who had an excellent afternoon kicking four superb penalties in the opening quarter to put Chard on the back foot.

Clevedon increased their lead with a try from lock forward Harley Foley. Hill added the conversion to take his side 19-0 clear.

Chard then just missed a try when they narrowly failed to get the touchdown after a fine kick to the corner.

But they deservedly got on the score sheet right on half time when Matt Tinley crossed wide out for a try which Osman converted to make it 7-19 at the break.

Hill increased Clevedon's advan-

tage with another successful kick in the early in the second half.

Chard gave as good as they got for the rest of the match and were unlucky and felt they were unlucky not to get a penalty try when Clevedon had a player sent to the bin following a blatant infringement on their own line.

The defeat leaves Chard in the relegation places ahead of Saturday's visit by Weston (2.30pm ko).

### Chard 3rd XV 52 Frome 3rds XV 12 Somerset 3 South

CHARD went up the hill in the first half and soon found that the scrum was Frome's strength but the front row of Milton, Nicholes and Lovelock were more than a match.

Chard ran in three tries in the first half through Squire, Mainwaring and E Lewis with a single try from the visitors making the score 17-5 at half time.

With the advantage of the hill in

the second half, Chard ran in quick tries from for Szydelko and Watts although some infringements meant that Frome got another try which was this time converted.

After a stern talking too from Captain Brian Sugar Chard stopped giving away cheap penalties and again went on the advance with two more converted tries from Squire and Szydelko putting the game beyond the dejected visitors.

The final try came from the halfway line with Warren Lewis carving through the Frome defence scoring under the posts.

Man of the match was given to Rhys Carnell by Captain Sugar but could have gone to any of the Chard team.

Next week Chard will be hosting a game between ex-Chairman Mike Duffy's team and current Chairman Gavin Smillie's squad (12 noon ko). Almost 50 players have registered an interest with a good

number as part of the RFU and club return to rugby program.

### Teignmouth Ladies 5 Chard 0

A SQUAD of 18 Chard Ladies, including two debutants, made the journey to Teignmouth on Sunday.

The pitch resembled a mud bath before the match and the rain didn't stop so the game was destined to be played up front with a soap-like ball.

Teignmouth kicked off and the contest remained just Chard's half for the majority of the first period with neither team managing to gain any advantage until a well worked move from Teignmouth score the only try of the match.

The second half saw Chard continue as they ended the first half dominating in the pack but not really able to take advantage.

Claire Baker was just pipped for Chard's player of the match by Captain Laura Jenkins.

## angling ilminster aa

## Morgan back with win

IT was hard going again for the 11 Ilminster AA members on the River Isle on Sunday in round eight of the Royal Oak League.

Terry Morgan did well fishing his first river match for a while to take the victory with a nice net of quality roach on the waggler weighing 10lb 13oz from peg 128 at Isle Brewers.

There was a tie for second place with Stuart Aplin and Steve Hurford both weighing 3lb 13oz from pegs 125 and 124.

After seven matches Graham Field leads with 12 points followed by Jamie Rich (13) and Rob Cox (14). Sections; A - Rob Cox (Ilminster) - 3lb, B - Justin Charles (Ilminster) - 3lb 8oz.

## netball honiton league

## Big win for slick Tyres

IT was a week of middle order games in **Division One** with Otters playing HNC Hot Shots and Sidmouth Toucan Chicks up against Ford & Pentecost Panthers.

Hot Shots took the honours in their game with 36-27 win despite being behind 16-15 at half way. Star of the show for Hot shots was Bryony Monaghan with Kerry Machell being the pick of the Otters.

Sidmouth Toucan Chicks held onto their third place thanks to their 34-23 victory over Ford & Pentecost Panthers who are having a comfortable first season settling into the top flight.

Chicks led from the off with Emily Rudolph doing well whilst Anna Benson played well for the Panthers.

In **Division Two** Beer Blazers bounced back from their setback last week to record their third win in four games when they defeated Pixies 26-20 in a close game.

With Becky Dörner having another good game, Beer were 8-3 up at quarter time and although the following quarters were even, that early lead was maintained despite Georgie Selley working hard for Pixies.

Meanwhile, JD Tyres record a comfortable 39-4 win over Swagtermamas with Sam Brunskill in great form. Karen Bennett was the pick of the 'Mamas.

| Division One      | Pld | GD   | Pts | Division Two     | Pld | GD   | Pts |
|-------------------|-----|------|-----|------------------|-----|------|-----|
| Flamingos         | 10  | 24   | 28  | Sidmouth Toucans | 10  | 107  | 28  |
| Hi Q              | 10  | 215  | 28  | Tip Top Trees    | 10  | 54   | 28  |
| Sidmouth T Chicks | 9   | 122  | 21  | Blackdown        | 10  | 97   | 26  |
| HNC Hot Shots     | 10  | -48  | 20  | Otter Valley     | 10  | 54   | 20  |
| Otters            | 9   | 22   | 18  | JD Tyres         | 11  | 39   | 18  |
| F & P Panthers    | 10  | -69  | 15  | Beer Blazers     | 11  | -70  | 14  |
| Howden Hawks      | 9   | -295 | 2   | Pixies           | 11  | -118 | 12  |
| Signs SW          | 9   | -187 | 2*  | Swagtermamas     | 11  | -163 | 11  |

## starter's orders running round-up

# Clark shows clean pair of heels

**AXE VALLEY RUNNERS** with *Dave Mutter*  
ELEANOR Wood, the only AVR runner to compete in the South West Veterans' 6k run at SIDFORD in wet and slippery conditions on Sunday, was pleased to finish third lady, 17th overall in 28:56.

The MOONLIGHT FLIT, billed as Devon's darkest half marathon as the race, starts at 5.30pm on the first night of the new moon and is a circular loop starting and finishing in Totnes.

The route, mainly off road muddy trails with five big hills to ascend, including the notorious Post Box Hill made for a tough run.

The race was won by Rhys Goodhead in 1:33:55. AVR Graham Newton finished 24th in

2:06:01, winning the over 60 vet men category.

N1 Tri Club were the dominant force in this week's SEATON PARKRUN with Johnny Livingstone winning in 17:24 and Alan Livingstone second, 18:02. AVR's Garry Perratt was third, 19:20 and triathlete Phoebe Clark the first lady, eighth overall in 20:20, out of the 137 runners.

One of the many wonderful things that parkrun offer is a network of organised 5k runs all around the country. Once you have registered then you can turn up with your barcode to any parkrun and get a time and position.

Matt Hewer and James Ashforth took part in the PLYM VALLEY PARKRUN.

With a lot of mud, off road, and a couple of hills

to contend with the pair's 5k PB's where never going to challenged. Matt came fourth in 20:17 and James 23rd, 23:21 out of a total of 201 participants.

### HONITON RC with Judy Davey

PHOEBE and Alice Clark from Honiton Running Club Juniors took part in the recent EXETER HARRIERS track series.

Phoebe ran the longer 3K distance even though this race was an older category than the U15 that Phoebe had been in.

Despite this, she won her heat 11 minutes 9 seconds. Alice won the U13 1500m in 5.50 even though she is only 10 years old.

## on the frontier around the local skittles leagues

**Colyton**  
**Div 1:** Axminster Con A 382 (I Macdonald 68) Gerrard A 353 (D Hawkins 75); Tuckers Arms B 371 (D Coombes 69) Red Lion A 359 (M Lewis 68); Colyton Club A 354 (G Hartnell 69); New Inn A 344 (G Smith, D Jones 63); Red Lion Cavaliers 386 (P Stone 71) Vine B 363 (K Gush 70); Lamb B 329 (A Churchill 68) Seaton FC A 313 (M French 61); Cloakham B 355 (P Miller 69) Honiton Con D 379 (M Wheaton 79); Colcombe A 472 (R Parsons 101) Lamb A 465 (B Moore 86);

**Div 2:** Honiton WMC A 357 (M Cardy 67) Ship C 330 (N Ostler 64); Vine A 334 (C Every 67); Offwell A 337 (D Spragg 59); Tuckers A 347 (D Dower 63) Honiton Converts 361 (A Down 71); Eagle Tavern 408 (C Hutchings 92) Colcombe Beerboys 383 (P White, S Bartlett 74); Honiton Con D 361 (A Parkinson 74) Kings Arms Beers 365 (C Brown 69); Gerrard B 361 (M Orsman 67) Volunteer A 361 (S Charlton 72);

**Div 3:** Three Tuns BTP 303 (K Zarczynski 56) Mounbatten Whites 298 (A Webb 55); Volunteer B 302 (S Isaac 59) Wilmingdon Harts 310 (J Woollacott 63); Kingfisher A 302 (A Bishop 61) Colcombe B 313 (T Yates 56); Ship A 358 (D Minchin 67) Red Lion Sidbury 360 (J McQueen 70); Sidbury Village Inn 346 (G Ruck 63) Cloakham Wanderers 333 (D Weston 59);

**Div 4:** Seaton FC B 347 (Liz Furber 67) Winstons A 316 (P Burrows 60); Honiton Con Artists 338 (D Jones 69) Rising Sun B 333 (K White 61); Honiton Con A 330 (T Bennet 67) Honiton WMC B 325 (G Hart 61); Heathfield A 347 (D

Pearse 68) Axminster Inn A 379 (D Morgan 74); Rising Sun A 347 (R Parsons 63) Tuckers Arms C 317 (R Dare 56); Div 5: Winstons KOOTS 332 (D Purrington 62) Dolphin B 331 (L Matheson 62); Seaton Bowling 285 (T Hurley-Smith 53) Heathfield B 269 (M Glaeser 53); Offwell B 410 (S Scotland, L Stubbs, A Olive 74) White Hart A 334 (S Hallworthy 66); Honiton Con Raiders 341 (D Garland 66) Sidmouth Arms Kings 333 (S Fuller 65); Colcombe Nomads 393 (T Wills 70) Kingfisher B 349 (B Dowell 67).

| Division One   | Pld | Pts |
|----------------|-----|-----|
| Red Lion Caves | 16  | 26  |
| Axe Con A      | 16  | 25  |
| New Inn A      | 16  | 22  |
| Vine B         | 16  | 20  |
| Gerrard A      | 16  | 19  |
| Tuckers Arms B | 16  | 19  |
| Colyton Club A | 16  | 17  |
| Honiton Con D  | 16  | 16  |
| Lamb B         | 16  | 16  |
| Seaton AFC A   | 14  | 14  |
| Colcombe A     | 16  | 10  |
| Red Lion A     | 16  | 10  |
| Lamb A         | 16  | 6   |
| Cloakham B     | 16  | 4   |

| Division Two      | Pld | Pts |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| Offwell A         | 16  | 22  |
| Vine A            | 16  | 22  |
| Volunteer A       | 16  | 21  |
| Sidbury SC Stones | 15  | 18  |
| Dolphin Vikings   | 16  | 18  |
| Ship C            | 16  | 17  |
| Honiton WMC A     | 15  | 15  |
| Wheelwright A     | 15  | 14  |
| Eagle Tavern      | 16  | 14  |
| Gerrard B         | 16  | 14  |
| Honiton Converts  | 16  | 14  |
| Colcombe Beerboys | 16  | 13  |
| Kings Arms Beers  | 16  | 10  |
| Tuckers Arms A    | 16  | 9   |

| Division Three   | Pld | Pts |
|------------------|-----|-----|
| Wilmington Harts | 14  | 20  |
| Vine Nomads      | 13  | 17  |

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|---------------------|----|----|
| Sidbury Village Inn | 14 | 17 |
| Cloakham Wanderers  | 14 | 14 |
| Volunteer B         | 14 | 14 |
| Red Lion Sidbury    | 13 | 13 |
| Kingfisher A        | 13 | 12 |
| White Hart B        | 13 | 12 |
| Colcombe B          | 14 | 12 |
| Mounbatten Whites   | 14 | 12 |
| Three Tuns BTP      | 12 | 10 |
| Ship A              | 12 | 6  |

| Division Four       | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Rising Sun A        | 14  | 26  |
| Axe Inn A           | 14  | 17  |
| Kings Arms A        | 13  | 16  |
| Heathfield A        | 14  | 16  |
| Honiton WMC B       | 13  | 15  |
| Honiton Con A       | 13  | 13  |
| New Inn B           | 13  | 11  |
| Winstons            | 14  | 11  |
| Honiton Con Artists | 14  | 10  |
| Rising Sun B        | 14  | 10  |
| Seaton AFC B        | 14  | 10  |
| Tuckers Arms C      | 14  | 8   |

| Division Five       | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Colcombe Nomads     | 13  | 22  |
| Colyton Club B      | 12  | 20  |
| Offwell Rejects     | 14  | 20  |
| Seaton Bowling      | 13  | 16  |
| Sidmouth Arms Kings | 14  | 16  |
| Winstons Koots      | 14  | 14  |
| Dolphin B           | 13  | 12  |
| White Hart A        | 14  | 12  |
| Kingfisher B        | 13  | 10  |
| Heathfield B        | 13  | 8   |
| Honiton Con Raiders | 14  | 6   |
| Tuckers Arms D      | 13  | 4   |

### Axminster

**Men's Ellis Shield Round Two**  
B&Gs 302 (C Sharpe 61) New Inn Hawks 178 (R Cligg 36); Gerrard D 241 (M Facey 53) Wootton Cowboys 275 (P Studley 57), Green Army 240 (D Kelland, M Pidgeon 55) Seaton BC 157 (D Milland 34), Kings Arms Seaton 230 (K Massey 57) Thornecombe B 214 (M Boulton 46), Ax Con Rebels 249 (M Summers 57) The Feds 183 (L Toote 41), Old Inn Kilm A 270 (J Perkins 56) Ax FC IV 217 (G

Harding 44), Red Devils 367 (K Bull 67) Ax FC B 259 (A Elm 61), Tuckers C 292 Bottle Inn 279 (P Wallis 65), Lamb A 249 (N Jones 50) Ax Jokers 260 (A Churchill 56), Thornecombe A 257 (G Harding 59) Colcombe D 270 (M Bright 51), Sidmouth Arms 220 (R Reed 49) Ax Con A 189 (S Trott 44), Colcombe Nomads 265 (J Coe 53) Wootton Sherberts 270 (J Chapman 60), New Inn C 220 (R Webb 53), Red Lion D (T Herbert Jr 51), Thornecombe C 292 (C Ellis 57) Lamb Spartans 269.

### Ladies League results

**Div 1:** Red Lion A 346 (L Shepherd 63) Colcombe A 345 (A Ogden 67), Ax Inn A 351 (S Boyland 65) New Inn B 295 (M Bear 60), Gerrard Buzzlers 308 (M Kiff 57) Bees Knees 313 (S Russell 63), Colcombe Girls 377 (M Wills 88) Thornecombe Newtops 327 (K Churchill 62), Wotnots 396 (L Galloway 84) Rousdon Ladies 373 (E Beviss 78).

**Div 2:** Tuckers A 334 (L Gould 63) Colcombe Angels 336 (A Pearce 64), Cloakham A 342 (C Carslake 65) Ax Inn Allsorts 331 (R Enticott 66), Colcombe B 369 (S Wilton 69) Red Lion Rabble 350 (L Warren 70), White Hart Wilm A 304 (J Bishop 53) Tuckers B 306 (S Cooper 56), Seaton FC 323 (K Hales, S Smart 64) BattleAxes 307 (S Bennett 59), Thornecombe A 302 (A Deeley 56) Gerrard A 315 (A Kay 62).

| Ladies Division One | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Axe Inn A           | 15  | 26  |
| Wotnots             | 13  | 22  |
| Seaton Bowling Club | 13  | 20  |
| Red Lion A          | 15  | 18  |
| Colcombe Girls      | 15  | 14  |
| Rousdon Ladies      | 14  | 13  |
| Gerrard Guzzlers    | 14  | 11  |

|                     |    |    |
|---------------------|----|----|
| New Inn A           | 14 | 11 |
| Bees Knees          | 14 | 11 |
| Colcombe A          | 13 | 10 |
| New Inn B           | 13 | 8  |
| Thornecombe Newtops | 15 | 4  |

| Ladies Division Two     | Pld | Pts |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|
| Cloakham A              | 16  | 20  |
| Tuckers Arms B          | 15  | 20  |
| Gerrard A               | 15  | 20  |
| Battle Axes             | 15  | 18  |
| White Hart Wilmington A | 16  | 18  |
| B & Js                  | 16  | 16  |
| Colcombe B              | 16  | 16  |
| Tuckers Arms A          | 16  | 14  |
| Seaton FC               | 14  | 14  |
| Colcombe Angels         | 16  | 14  |
| Thornecombe A           | 14  | 10  |
| Red Lion Rabble         | 13  | 8   |
| Axe Inn Allsorts        | 15  | 8   |

### Crewkerne & District

| Division One       | Pld | Pts |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| Super Sexy Six     | 13  | 121 |
| Lost Boys          | 13  | 115 |
| Headhunters        | 13  | 100 |
| The Coachmen       | 13  | 95  |
| Mighty Ducks       | 13  | 93  |
| Football Club      | 13  | 74  |
| Stray Cats         | 13  | 73  |
| King Willy Dogs    | 13  | 67  |
| Rollers            | 13  | 59  |
| Odd Bobs           | 13  | 55  |
| Royal Oak Drimpton | 13  | 43  |
| Sports 92          | 13  | 41  |

| Division Two    | Pld | Pts |
|-----------------|-----|-----|
| Loud & Proud    | 12  | 95* |
| Perrott Monkeys | 13  | 94  |
| Brewers Bees    | 13  | 91  |
| Skimmers        | 13  | 88  |
| Rugrats         | 12  | 83  |
| Pinbusters      | 13  | 83  |
| Hillbillys      | 13  | 77  |
| Raptors         | 13  | 68  |
| Muppets         | 13  | 64  |
| Ugly Ducklings  | 13  | 63  |
| Fudders         | 13  | 62  |
| Fryers          | 13  | 50  |

| Division Three     | Pld | Pts |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| DBST               | 13  | 100 |
| Royal Chokers      | 13  | 97  |
| Admiral 6          | 13  | 90  |
| The King's Jesters | 13  | 90  |
| Chis Colts         | 13  | 88  |
| Sandbaggers        | 13  | 78  |

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|------------------|----|----|
| Rotary           | 13 | 75 |
| Concorde         | 13 | 71 |
| Beer Leg Boys    | 13 | 71 |
| Willy Low Flyers | 13 | 67 |
| King's Men       | 13 | 55 |
| The Likely Lads  | 13 | 54 |

**Top Score:** T.Champion (Loud & Proud) & V.Ball (Likely Lads) both 65.

### Ilminster & District

**Nomination Div 1:** Ashill Boys 170-2 (R.Robson 29, M.Brown 6) Floaters 184-10 (J.Miles 42, D.Pridde 40), Hatch Eggs 178-1 (B.Honeyball 31, C.Desave 9) Crown Crusaders 246-11 (A.Berry 41, R.Sims & M.Wriste 25), Flying Turkeys 259-11 (T.Towill 62, A. McGowen 17) Nomads 182-1 (T.Symes 40, D. Allen 4), Royal Oak Faces 169-10 (S.Whiteites 33, N.Jenkins 12) Ilton Choppers 157-2 (J.Manley 32, S. Chown 9).

| Nomination Div One | Pld | Pts |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| Flying Turkeys     | 8   | 86  |
| Royal Oak Faces    | 8   | 73  |
| Crown Crusaders    | 8   | 72  |
| Nomads             | 8   | 50  |
| Ilton Choppers     | 8   | 40  |
| Floaters           | 8   | 36  |
| Ashill Boys        | 8   | 35  |
| Wyndham Warriors   | 8   | 29  |
| Hatch Eggs         | 8   | 11  |



## cricket crewkerne cc

### Preparations underway

CREWKERNE Cricket Club have recently started their preparations for the coming 2017 cricket season with specialist winter coaching being held at the County Ground in Taunton for 20 youngsters throughout January.

This leads on to further pre-season sessions for Juniors beginning on Friday, February 3rd at Wadham School Sports Hall between 7 and 9pm. These sessions will be led by Neil Staines who is a level 2 coach.

This season Crewkerne are running teams at Under 10 and 12 level in the Mid-Wessex League and are also entering a team for the first time in the Taunton & District Under 15 League.

At Senior level the club is running three teams in the Somerset League on Saturdays, one on Sundays in the Mid-Wessex League, and one in the Chard Evening League. Practices for seniors begin in Monday, February 16th from 6.30 until 8pm.

The Club's first XI have again moved up a division and are now competing in Division 5. The 2nd XI are in Division 7 South with the 3rd XI in Division 8 South.

The Crewkerne third XI made their debut last season and the club is keen to develop this further and welcomes any new players, including those new to cricket, to help grow this side.

For further details please contact either Youth Co-ordinator Neil Staines 07765-989694 or Club Secretary Nick Keylock on 07855-984854.

## darts chard & district

| Premier Division                 | Pld | Pts | PA's                          |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------------------------|
| Rejects Return                   | 7   | 135 | Cult of Personality           |
| High 4 & a Half                  | 7   | 132 | Pirates                       |
| Wanderers                        | 7   | 107 | Nice Ricks                    |
| Crusaders                        | 7   | 92  | Pig Jockeys                   |
| BDB's                            | 7   | 91  | Most 180's; S.Castle & M.Bal- |
| Hobnobs                          | 7   | 89  | lance both x2, 12 players x1. |
| Happy Sharks                     | 7   | 65  |                               |
| Hopfuls                          | 7   | 61  |                               |
| Most 180's; P.Lawrence x5, L.Cox | 7   | 58  |                               |
| S.Rutter & S. Mainwaring         | 7   | 57  |                               |
| both x3, G.Knight, & G.Hill both | 7   | 56  |                               |
| x2, 12 players x1.               | 7   | 55  |                               |
| Division One                     | Pld | Pts |                               |
| Okey Doaks                       | 8   | 98  |                               |
| Pop Darts                        | 8   | 92  |                               |
| Random Tossers                   | 8   | 88  |                               |
| Down's                           | 8   | 81  |                               |

## snooker seaton & dist

### Sidmouth settling in well

SIDMOUTH Cons continue their improvement taking three frames from the Feds at Colyton.

Meanwhile, league leaders Honiton Wanderers notched up another five frames against the ExCons, where Greg Jones won the single frame for the Cons against Steve Canniford.

| League table   | Pld | Pts |
|----------------|-----|-----|
| Wanderers      | 10  | 55  |
| Colyton TC     | 9   | 29  |
| Colyton ExCons | 10  | 26  |
| Chard Casuals  | 9   | 26  |
| Colyton Feds   | 9   | 26  |
| Sidmouth Cons  | 10  | 21  |
| Honiton WMC    | 9   | 15  |

In the third fixture bottom-of-the-table Honiton WMC struggles continued with a 5-1 defeat.

**Results** (Jan 24th); Honiton Wanderers 5+0 Colyton ExCons 1+0, Colyton Feds 3+0 Sidmouth Cons 3+6 Colyton TC 5+0 Honiton WMC 1+2. **Breaks:** Graham Ward 39, Ben Pike 41.

| Bruce Miller Cup | Pld | Pts |
|------------------|-----|-----|
| Wanderers        | 10  | 55  |
| Chard Casuals    | 9   | 48  |
| Sidmouth Cons    | 10  | 41  |
| Colyton TC       | 9   | 35  |
| Colyton Feds     | 9   | 34  |
| Colyton ExCons   | 10  | 26  |
| Honiton WMC      | 9   | 25  |

## darts axminster

RESULTS (Jan 17th)

**Team;** Dapper Darts 0-6 The Swamp, Lamb Shanks 3-3 Axminster Inn, Red Bulls 2-4 Len Goodmans.

| Team table    | Pld | Pts |
|---------------|-----|-----|
| The Swamp     | 9   | 18  |
| Vault A       | 9   | 14  |
| Con Club      | 8   | 14  |
| Len Goodmans  | 9   | 10  |
| Red Necks     | 9   | 9   |
| Axminster Inn | 10  | 8   |
| Lamb Shanks   | 10  | 6   |
| Dapper Darts  | 8   | 1   |
| Red Bulls     | 8   | 0   |

**Singles;** Dapper Darts 0-4 The Swamp, Lamb Shanks 1-3 Axminster Inn, Red Bulls 1-3 Len Goodmans.

| Singles table | Pld | Pts |
|---------------|-----|-----|
| The Swamp     | 9   | 32  |
| Vault A       | 9   | 27  |
| Con Club      | 8   | 24  |
| Len Goodmans  | 9   | 20  |
| Axminster Inn | 10  | 18  |
| Red Necks     | 9   | 15  |
| Lamb Shanks   | 10  | 13  |
| Red Bulls     | 8   | 6   |
| Dapper Darts  | 8   | 5   |

## short mat east devon league

| Evening D1     | Pld | Pts |
|----------------|-----|-----|
| Beer           | 7   | 11  |
| Sidbury Whites | 7   | 8   |
| Sidbury        | 7   | 7   |
| Musbury        | 7   | 6   |
| Upottery       | 5   | 5   |
| Colyton        | 6   | 5   |
| Seaton         | 6   | 2   |

| Evening D2     | Pld | Pts |
|----------------|-----|-----|
| West Hill      | 7   | 11  |
| Awilscombe     | 8   | 10  |
| Ufculme        | 7   | 8   |
| Sidbury Reds   | 7   | 7   |
| Ottery St Mary | 7   | 5   |
| Colyton B      | 6   | 1   |

| Beer           | Pld | Pts |
|----------------|-----|-----|
| Upottery       | 8   | 8   |
| Ottery St Mary | 7   | 5   |
| Seaton Yellow  | 8   | 5   |

| Afternoon D2        | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| St Teresa's         | 8   | 10  |
| Seaton Blue         | 8   | 9   |
| Sidford Blue        | 8   | 9   |
| Lyme Regis          | 8   | 7   |
| Combe St Nicholas B | 8   | 7   |
| Chard               | 8   | 6   |

| Afternoon D3        | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Musbury             | 8   | 12  |
| Heycock B           | 8   | 10  |
| Colyton B           | 8   | 8   |
| Combe St Nicholas A | 8   | 8   |
| Seaton Green        | 7   | 7   |
| Sidford White       | 7   | 1   |

## tee-off golf round-up

# As the crow flies – David's drive disappears!

AXE CLIFF with Peter Motson

THE Men's section played their HANGOVER CUP, format as Bogey on New Years Day.

In first place was Stuart Mackie with a 0 and in second was Craig Trivett with -1. Chris Alexander, Andrew Hellier and Craig Trivett all carded 2s.

The January Medal and COSH TROPHY was held on January 8th when the winner of Division One was Mike Cottam with a net 66. In second was Chris Glover with a net 67.

Division Two was won by Steve Anning with a net 69, Jin Hong was second with a net 70. Paul Clode, Anthony Hellier, Alan Cooper, Alan Morgan, Nigel Garwood and winner of the Cosh Trophy Gavin Walker, all scored 2s.

The Men played the fifth round of the WINTER LEAGUE on January 15th, format stableford. In first place was Anthony Hellier with 39pts, second was Nigel Pritchard (38) and 3rd was Tom Spencer with 37. Anthony Hellier and Simon Sweetland both carded 2s.

On January 22nd the Men played the DAILY MAIL FOURSOMES in medal format. In First spot were Paul Clode & Simon Sweetland with a net 65.5. In second was Chris Glover & Tom Spencer with a net 67.5.

The LADIES SECTION played the first of their County Prize matches last Wednesday in stableford format.

Despite the sunny weather the scores were not great but again the 16th played a part, no Eagle this week, just a birdie by Margaret Kenchington for four points which helped her score 29 and take first place on countback from Anne Jarvis. Sandra Walker was thgird with 28.

The SENIORS SECTION played a Winter League match the following day which was won by Tony Strong (hc 6) & Phil Christmas (hc 26) with 36pts. In second place were Terry Jessup (hc 21) & Adrian Bishop (hc 23) with 31 and, in third on a countback were Rob Heard (hc 15) & Dave Sammons (hc26) also with 31. Rob Grove scored the only two of the day.

CRICKET ST THOMAS with Bert Robinson

THE fifth round of the Winter League was postponed due to heavy frost Monday.

Instead, 16 members opted for a four-man TEXAS SCRAMBLE on temporary greens.

Result: 1st John Wandless; Trevor Dobson; Nick George & Keith Branchflower 55.6, 2nd Roger Stone; Alan Chance; John Evans & Mike Hone 56.7.

Meanwhile, 45 seniors took part in the three-man HASSLE on Wednesday. This was reduced to a 15-hole competition due to the Burns Lunch which was to follow and raised £164 for the Captain's charity, Diabetes UK.

Result: 1st John Wandless; Des Denning & Roger Miller 47.0, 2nd Chris Gingell; Alan Davis & Bill Hilson 48.2, 3rd Ken Trussell; Mike Hone & Paul England 48.67.

Finally, 39 players took part in the three-man "all to count" stableford competition on Friday.

Result: 1st Malcolm Roy; George Wallace & Don Taylor 119 points, 2nd Rod Stevens; Bob Barrow & Nick Clarke 101, 3rd Martin Bargery; Ron Davis & Phil Dewar 99.

## jack high bowls news and round-up

# Big win sees Honiton in last eight

CREWKERNE

Monday, January 23rd; our visitors were to Crewkerne smbc to play a mixed friendly, scores; David Duck, Ena Stringer & Stan Ducker 10 Stuart Gould 15. Glen Milner, Margaret Flynn & George Milner 9 Bill Green 6. Jenny Cornelius, Vic Barnard & Phil Stringer 11-Julia Davies 7, Margaret Flynn, Stan Ducker & George Milner 10 Gordon Bodily 3. Final score Crewkerne 31 Chard 40.

CHARD with Janet Bodily

Monday, January 16th; Six members travelled to LYME REGIS to play an East Devon League match, scores – **Singles;** George Milner 2-11, Norman Sumpter 9-4, George Milner 3-14, Norman Sumpter 1-13. **Pairs;** Jenny Cornelius & Glen Milner 4-8, Beatrice Callaghan & Gillian Leighton 11-4, Jenny Cornelius & Glen Milner 9-8, Bearice Callaghan & Gillian Leighton 7-8. Final score; Lyme Regis 70 Chard 46.

Milford & Dormor – Mixed Triples League

Thursday, January 19th; Hurricanes 16 Greyhounds 10, Trull 15Musbury 9, Harlequins 21 Robins 10.

HONITON with John Pawley

LAST week the Tuesday Mixed group played a four-ball team event with any two scores to count.

Early morning fog had threatened the mens roll-up but the sun eventually won through to give a good afternoon.

Winter greens didn't affect the team of Di Wall, Sue Williams, Max Pipe & John Frith as they excelled with a magnificent 91 points. Maureen Tollemache, Linda Curtis, Laurie Tollemache & Mike Delaney were second with 81 and third, on count-back, were Linda Northover, Liz Wood, John Northover & Ken Wood.

Last Wednesday new Lady Captain Janet Hughes was asked to execute a spectacular drive from the 18th tee, and she didn't disappoint the members who had placed bets on where her drive would end. Ron Graham expertly predicted where her ball would stop.

Janet then accompanied ex-Lady Captain Jane Watts in the traditional putt-out on the 18th green. Prior to this, 33 ladies played a 3BBB Stableford with two scores to count over 14 holes off a shot-gun start.

Winners were Chris Pearce, Sharon Rouse & Ann Desmoulins with 59pts, with Jane Watts, Linda Blundell & Linda McLaughlin second with 57 on count-back from Heather Clarke, Sarah Dawe & Gill Johnson.

Afterwards Janet provided a generous lunch before presenting prizes for the day's events, and introduced a fines scheme which will go towards her chosen charities for the year – TRIP Community Transport and Honiton Dementia Action Alliance.

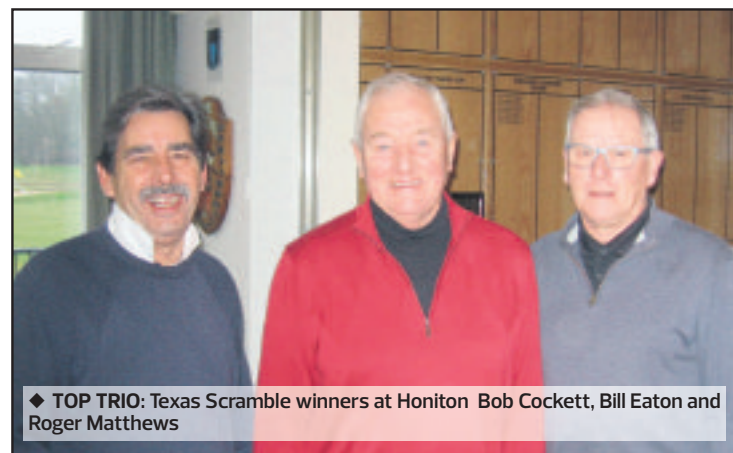
A chilly wind greeted the 60 Seniors for their Texas Scramble competition on Friday. In the same week that wife Janet took over the Lady Captain's role at the Club, David Hughes hit his drive off the 11th only to watch as a crow picked it off the fairway and flew off!

The overall scores decreased steadily till Bill Eaton, Bob Cockett & Roger Matthews entered the clubhouse. When 62.0 was posted on the board everyone knew that early favourites Bob



◆ NICELY DONE: New Honiton Lady Captain Janet Hughes on her drive-in.

Cleal, Tony Williams & Dave Lee's were going to be second with their 63.4, with Christ Street, Peter Clarke & Mike Jones third on 64.7. Fourth place was taken by the 65.0 of Tom Tunncliffe, Bill Phillips & Jim Wallis. Vic Wood marked his return after illness by sinking his put on the fourth – and walked off with 39 new balls!



◆ TOP TRIO: Texas Scramble winners at Honiton Bob Cockett, Bill Eaton and Roger Matthews

semi final on February 26th.

There was a mixture of results in the mixed friendlies. The NOMADS were beaten 106-61, top rink; Myra Singleton, Keith Parsons, Marian Vessey & Eddie Sharman 39-6.

At SIDMOUTH one rink won, one lost and one drew as Honiton lost 54-55, the winners were Carol Armitage, Joan Mackintosh, Ian Peel & Bill Nicholls 22-14.

Away at BUDLEIGH Honiton there was a winning rink of Yvonne Williams, David Young, Andrew Lowe & Ken Clarke 16-14 in an overall 35-31 defeat.

In the Men's ICL game against PLYMOUTH B Honiton won 72-69 with three winning rinks, the best being Chris Maynard, Tony Tooley, Gerry Stafrace & Trevor Pipe 19-16.

ILMINSTER with Des Maull

ILMINSTER men defeated visitors Winscombe 67-40 in the three-rink friendly on Sunday. Details: Brian Welch, Derek Carter, Tony Bickle & Roger Lench 22 M Dorington 12; Kevin Crouch, Ken Parker, David Pugh & Kevin Hamilton 23 M Nash 14; Steve Peasland, Roy Orme, Dave Crouch & Ian Lightfoot 22 T Dudley 14.

## crib round-up

HONITON

RESULTS (Jan 26th); Feniton Soc B 3 Vine Inn B 5, Thirsty Farmer 4 Blacksmith Arms 4, Vine Inn A 5 Feniton Soc A 3, Workingmens A 4, Honiton Inn A 4, Workingmens B 4, New Fountain 4.

**Captains Cup;** Audrey Hawkins 0 Julie Bath 1, Brenda Flood 0 Steve Pettitt 1, Julie Davis 0 Lionel Hawkins 1, Lorraine White 1 Mike Dent 0, Maureen Pendrick 1 Hedley Hawkins 0.

**Fixtures** (Feb 2nd); Blacksmith Arms v New Fountain, Feniton Soc A v Workingmens B, Honiton Inn A v Vine Inn A, Vine Inn B v Honiton Inn B, Workingmens A v Feniton Soc B.

| Table            | Pld | Pts |
|------------------|-----|-----|
| Blacksmiths Arms | 19  | 91  |
| Vine Inn B       | 18  | 83  |
| New Fountain     | 18  | 79  |
| Vine Inn A       | 18  | 78  |
| Thirsty Farmer   | 19  | 73  |
| Workingmens B    | 18  | 72  |
| Workingmens A    | 18  | 70  |
| Feniton Social B | 18  | 68  |
| Feniton Social A | 18  | 63  |
| Honiton Inn B    | 17  | 59  |
| Honiton Inn A    | 17  | 56  |

| Captain's Cup    | Pld | Pts |
|------------------|-----|-----|
| Lionel Hawkins   | 18  | 15  |
| Julie Davis      | 18  | 11  |
| Julie Bath       | 18  | 10  |
| Brenda Flood     | 19  | 10  |
| Lorraine White   | 18  | 9   |
| Rita Freemantle  | 17  | 9   |
| Maureen Pendrick | 18  | 9   |
| Hedley Hawkins   | 18  | 8   |
| Mike Dent        | 17  | 7   |
| Audrey Hawkins   | 18  | 6   |
| Steve Pettitt    | 19  | 5   |

## LYME REGIS

RESULTS (Jan 23rd); Talbot Arms 2 Steps 3, Gerrard Arms 2 Dolphin 3, Lamb Swans 2 Ship Inn LR 3, New Inn Kilm B 3 New Inn Kilm A 2, Ax Con Club 3 Charlie's Angels 2.

**Beer League;** Talbot Arms 1 Steps 2, Gerrard Arms 1 Dolphin 2, Lamb Swans 2 Ship Inn LR 1, New Inn Kilm B 1 New Inn Kilm A 2, Ax Con Club 1 Charlie's Angels 2.

**Fixtures** (Monday, Feb 6th); Losers Cup Semi-finals - at Malt House, Seaton 7.15 for 7.30pm start - teams involved; Charlie's Angels, Steps, Nags Head and New Inn Kilm A.

| Table - Week 17     | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Nags Head, LR       | 15  | 47  |
| Gerrard Arms        | 16  | 44  |
| New Inn Kilm A      | 16  | 42  |
| Ship Inn, LR        | 16  | 41  |
| Axminster Con Club  | 16  | 41  |
| Dolphin, Beer       | 15  | 39  |
| Talbot Arms, Uplyme | 15  | 38  |
| Lamb Swans          | 16  | 37  |
| Charlie's Angels    | 15  | 36  |
| Steps               | 15  | 36  |
| New Inn Kilm B      | 15  | 24  |

| Beer League         | Pld | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Nags Head, LR       | 15  | 29  |
| Steps               | 15  | 27  |
| Lamb Swans          | 16  | 25  |
| New Inn Kilm B      | 15  | 25  |
| Axminster Con Club  | 16  | 24  |
| Charlie's Angels    | 15  | 24  |
| Gerrard Arms        | 16  | 23  |
| Ship Inn, LR        | 16  | 21  |
| New Inn Kilm A      | 16  | 19  |
| Talbot Arms, Uplyme | 15  | 19  |
| Dolphin, Beer       | 15  | 19  |



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## Combe Ladies FC



◆ **THE SAINTS:** Combe St Nicholas Ladies who currently sit in ninth spot in the Somerset County League Division One. Line-up, standing from left; Matthew Redwood (Sponsor), Jordan Cole, Karen Roberts, Korin Major, Emma Simpson, Helen Ash, Jazz Macdonald, Kate Letten, Luc Logan (Chairman). Front; Alice Ruckett, Jamie Froom, Clare Weller, Kelly Frome (Captain), Roxy White, Rosie Manning (Vice Captain), Teri Macdonald, Jordyn Jarvis.



◆ **HOPING FOR A HEAD START:** The Redstart team pictured before the recent Primary School Fun Run held at Holyrood Academy.

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